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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Liquor a Curse to America

by Sam Morris, D.D.  
(NBC Talk, November, 1954)

Howdy, neighbors,  
We thank NBC and its affiliated stations for selling us this network time tonight. We are speaking to you from Dallas, Texas. We



Dr. Sam Morris

spoke to a great overflow crowd here this afternoon in the historic First Baptist Church where Dr. W. A. Criswell is the nationally-famous and greatly-beloved pastor. The meeting arrangements were under the management of Ray Rushing, who is with Dallas Youth for Christ, and Dr. T. C. Gardner, who is at the head of the Texas Baptist Convention Training Union. Music for the occasion was masterfully directed by Gale Dunn, music leader of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church.

This afternoon's meeting was the kick-off for a week of temperance activity in both Dallas and Tarrant Counties. The National Temperance League with Dr. Duke McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, as president, and Major Clayton M. Wallace, of Washington, D.C., as executive director, will hold its biannual convention here over the coming week end. Mr. Albert F.

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Famous evangelist preaches on

## THE SIN OF LYING

by Billy Graham

(SERMON PREACHED IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, REVIVAL, AUGUST, 1954.)

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."—Exod. 20:16.

Tonight I am going to talk on the Ninth Commandment, which says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." During the past few days I have been speaking on the Ten Commandments. John Wesley once said, "I cannot preach grace and love until I have preached law." And so during these first few days I have been preaching law. I have been preaching the requirements of God.

Now the Bible teaches that God is a holy and righteous God. He is a God of purity and righteousness and holiness. And God has certain standards. He has certain requirements, and God says before you can get to Heaven, you have to fulfill certain standards and requirements. If you fall short, then the Bible says you are a sinner. The Bible says that no sinner can get to Heaven. Not one sinner will ever be in Heaven with his sins. The Bible says that if you are a sinner you can't get into the Kingdom of God unless you have come to a knowledge of Jesus Christ in a vital and personal experience with Him.

Jesus Was Condemned by Lying Witnesses

Now I want you to see in this

passage of Scripture we are going to read that Jesus is on trial. He is on trial for His life. Already He has lived thirty-three years. Thirty years were almost silent, three years of ministry. He went about doing good, the Scripture says. He made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, the lame to walk, the dead to rise.

Everywhere He went, He went doing good. He fed five thousand people with five loaves and two

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Dr. Billy Graham

## God Answers Because He Wishes Us to Serve Others

By Dr. Charles A. Blanchard  
Second President of Wheaton College

I do not remember who it was, but it seems to me that it was John Wesley who was accustomed to saying that the chief duty of Christians was to attain to happiness. I have spoken of God's answers to prayer as designed to bring us into this happy state. Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

If we were to put the desires of God for us into a single sentence, perhaps we could not speak more truthfully than to say He wishes us to be glad. It is my impression that this is true, but there is in reality no such thing possible as a selfish gladness which shall be permanent. Selfishness is a deadly poison and if permitted in the heart of any life, will work out bitterness and death. If we are truly glad, other people will share in our sunshine. This is an inevitable, and being an inevitable, is, of course, a part of the divine plan, so I pass on to say that God answers our prayers, because He wishes us to help our fellows and these answers enable us to help them in various ways.

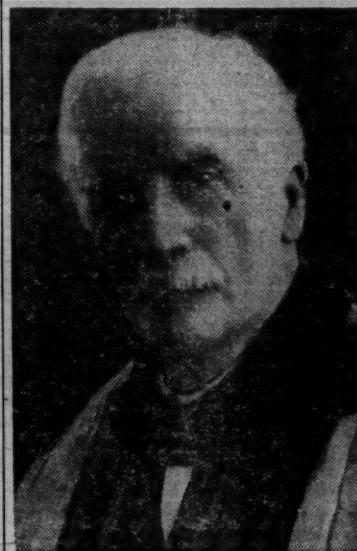
### The Contagion of Example

The mere fact that God has answered our prayers will encourage other people to pray and to secure good things from God if they find out what He has done for us in answer to petition. I heard a man, who had been so ruined by sin that life seemed to hold nothing more for him, say that in his helplessness and despair he stumbled into a meeting of the Salvation Army. Dazed

and crushed, he listened to man after man telling what God had done for him and finally, leaving the room and going to the miserable abode which he called "home," he fell upon his knees and said, "O Lord, you helped those other fellows, please help me." He said that from that hour he was delivered—that God did exactly the thing he asked Him to do, helped him in the way He helped the other fellows.

Several years ago I mentioned in *The Christian Endeavor World* the fact that I was at one time troubled to get into my office. Various keys had been used and the bolt had passed out of position

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Dr. Charles Blanchard

## One of the Prize Winners in \$1,600 "Sermon on Vital Public Issues" Contest

# "What's Wrong with The...?"

by Evangelist Eddie Martin  
2036 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

As a God-called full-time evangelist, it is my great privilege to lead fourteen evangelistic campaigns a year. Some are single church meetings, and some are far-reaching united city-wide efforts.

As we travel over the nation, ministering to thousands of different people, we are asked many important questions. Some people want to know what the "unpardonable sin" is. Others ask us the question, "Do you believe in a literal Hell?" While others ask us the question, "What does the Bible teach about divorce?"

But, there is one question asked more often than any other, and by more people. It is the question, "Brother Eddie, do you think it is wrong to dance? Do you think it is wrong to smoke; wrong to go to the movies; wrong to drink a social beer; wrong to pet; wrong to play cards? Brother Eddie, do you think it is wrong to...?" Everyone who loves the Lord, and Christians who want to please God, and some who are unsaved

and who want to know what it is going to cost them to become a Christian, want to know, "What's wrong with the...?"

The question of worldly amusements, and what to do with one's spare time, is a young Christian's biggest personal problem. Especially is it a problem for our youth. Dancing doesn't bother the "old sisters" of the faith. Most of them have rheumatism so badly they couldn't dance if they wanted to. But the problem of worldly pleasures and attractions is a real and vital problem faced by every young person who is trying to live for God.

At this very moment, here in Paris, Texas, a city of 22,000 population, I am leading the Baptist Association in a united revival

crusade. Crowds upwards of 5,000 are attending the services. It is graduation time. The Junior-Senior Prom, the biggest event of the school year, was held last week.

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Evangelist Eddie Martin



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### Don't Forget Big Features Coming!

We remind you again that beginning in January, we plan to publish the tremendously popular series of articles on prayer, which constitute the twenty-one chapters in the best seller on prayer, the editor's book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*. So get your subscriptions in so that friends and loved ones will be blessed by these messages.

Remember that December 1 our third annual contest for revival and evangelistic sermons comes to a close. And these prize-winning sermons will be used in 1935.

And we will have another great series of sermons on vital Christian problems. That contest closes June 1, '35, and during the last half of the year we will have in THE SWORD OF THE LORD tremendous messages on communism and socialism, on Catholicism and cults, on modernism, on science and the Bible, and on worldliness, similar to the popular series which ran this year.

We will continue to have reports of revivals, pictures of great revival crowds. There will be articles on the liquor question like the great article by Dr. Sam Morris in this issue. There will be sermons by Dr. Billy Graham, like the sermon on lying preached at Nashville appearing in this issue. The editor will have answers to vital questions. There will be some

wonderful things for young people and children. We believe that the material in THE SWORD OF THE LORD is the greatest gift of Christian literature that you can give. Don't you want to make out a big subscription list and send it in today?

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## How Modernism Works in a "Christian" School

By the Editor

I have had a letter for five weeks. I prayerfully considered whether I should publish it in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. After much prayer I feel that the testimony of this good Christian woman would be of great value as a warning to young students in schools that are supposed to be Christian. Look out for modernism and see how subtly unbelievers can set out to wreck the faith of students.

I give only the initials of the two women involved.

Furman University is at Greenville, South Carolina, is regularly supported by the Southern Baptist program in that state, and is currently raising funds for a great enlargement. When you read this letter, prayerfully consider whether Bible-believing Baptists should support this school.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"A friend of mine, Mrs. C. H. K—, has recently begun sending me THE SWORD OF THE LORD and I feel that I owe her a great debt of gratitude. Since I read my first copy, I have wanted to tell you how much it means to me, and after reading 'False Prophets—Real or Imaginary?' I have felt led to take a few minutes of your time in sharing an experience with you.

"Mrs. K— and I went as room-mates to the Women's College of Furman University in the fall of 1936 and we and our families felt

that because it was one of our Baptist schools we would receive the finest of religious training. We received a terrible shock at our very first class. Dr. Edwin Poter, who has now passed on, asked us who wrote the Bible, and when I replied that the Word of God is divinely inspired, he shook his finger at me and said, 'Young lady, that is one word that is not to enter into the discussion of this classroom.' At another time he made the statement that Heaven is within us and is not a place where we will go. One of us asked him to explain what Christ meant by 'I go to prepare a place for you,' if that were the case, and he replied that Jesus was talking to ignorant men and just had to use language that they would understand. Frequently he would say at the end of a shocking statement, 'Now don't go home and tell your mothers I said that!' I have seen students almost at the point of tears shake their heads and say, 'Oh, I don't know what I believe!' Fortunately for us, we had the blessing of Christian homes and with the backing of Christian parents and a godly grandmother, we announced our intention of dropping the course. At this point the dean called us in to her office and in the most persuasive measures tried to convince us that the religion which was satisfactory for our parents was not adequate for us—that it was up to us to form our own philosophy of life! Since God and His Word have remained constant through the ages, we failed to

see why Christianity should have to change with each generation. We saw the insidious way in which the modernists attempt to appeal to young people through the intellect, and finally another official, in attempting to make us continue with the course, told us that when we were small we had believed in Santa Claus, but with maturity we had revised our beliefs, and that in the same way we must mature in our religious conceptions. At about that time, a young German professor, Dr. Gezork (this was in the days of Nazi power) was added to the faculty of Furman and in a talk to the students he warned us, 'Don't worship Christ—follow Him!' We finally transferred to another school and our consciences have never allowed us to recommend that school to anyone. I hope that things are better there now, but I do not know.

"We do glory in the fearlessness with which you and your fellow workers fight modernism and our prayers will be with you.

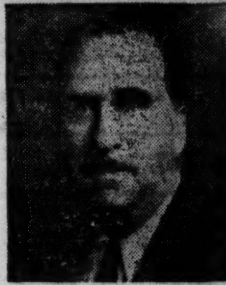
"Sincerely,"

(Signed) Mrs. W. C. E—  
Sumter,  
South Carolina

## For Young People

## MIRACLES of SCIENCE

by the late  
Arthur J. Brown M.D.



### Winged Wonders

Today we begin our study of birds and their ways. Birds are of very special interest because they exhibit remarkable and well-established instincts, combined with what would seem to be intelligence. Many birds are quick to learn new ways, and it is impossible for us to explain some of their astonishing performances.

Any animal which has a covering of feathers belongs to the bird class. They are feathered bipeds, they are warm-blooded, and they lay eggs. Warm-blooded means that they keep the same body temperature day and night, summer and winter, the only other warm-blooded animals being the mammals.

There are five running birds with undeveloped wings: the African ostrich, the American ostrich, the emu, the cassowary, and the kiwi; all others have the power of flight, except in rare cases like the penguins of the Antarctic.

Birds are endowed with two widely open gateways of knowledge—the sense of sight and the sense of hearing. You have watched gulls pick up pieces of biscuit from the foam in the wake of a steamer. Not less striking is the keen way in which a hawk scrutinizes a hillside in search of young birds and mammals. From a great height it detects a victim and descends like a bolt from the blue. Vultures gather to a carcass by sight rather than by smell.

One vulture sees the animal stagger and fall, and descends on it. A second follows the first, and a third the second; so the news spreads through the sky.

Longfellow, in one of his poems, uses this picture to illustrate the way in which misfortunes often follow one another:

*Never stoops the soaring vulture  
on his quarry in the desert,  
On the sick and wounded bison,  
but another vulture watching  
From his high aerial lookout, sees  
the downward plunge and follows.*

*And a third pursues the second,  
coming from the invisible ether,  
First a speck and then a vulture,  
till the air is thick with pinions.  
So disasters come not singly.*

In addition to this keen sense of sight, birds have an equally sharp sense of hearing. The breaking of a twig is enough to send the bird off at full speed, or to make it utter the danger signal. To those young birds hatched at an advanced stage and able to run about almost immediately, the quick ear means much. These newborn birds come into life en-

dowed with an instinctive appreciation of a particular warning cry which their parents utter. Whenever they hear it, they crouch and lie motionless.

Thus in the case of partridges, the parents make a peculiar cluck-clucking note, and the young birds squat flat, remaining absolutely still. They will do this when only two or three hours old. Yet, if reared by a foster-mother hen, they pay no attention to what she says, no matter how much anxiety she puts into her call.

What is the meaning of this? Their nervous and muscular systems are obviously adjusted from the beginning, before birth, to answer one particular call. Their unfailing obedience to this parental call does not mean that they have any understanding of what they are doing when they lie motionless. Their lives depend on this sense. They could not have developed it gradually through the centuries. They could not survive in the first place without having this equipment. That means, it was CREATED, not evolved.

The sense of touch in birds does not seem to be acute, except in the bills of those birds that feel their food before or without seeing it. Thus the woodcock probes for earthworms in the moist soil of the wood, and the tip of its bill has a fine equipment of nerve-endings. The snipe also feels for food which it does not see.

Taste is not greatly developed in birds, for they are much given to bolting their food and hurrying on. However, chickens will soon learn to avoid unpalatable caterpillars, and hungry ducklings, after one trial, will refuse tiny foreign frogs with poisonous skins.

Little is known of the sense of smell in birds, and this is true also of the other senses—temperature, pressure, and balance. Migrating birds must surely be possessed of a sense unknown to us, making their way accurately for thousands of miles, steering an unerring course by day and by night.

If a boy could ride a bicycle at the first attempt, that would be an inborn or instinctive aptitude. Birds show much of this gift. For instance, young water birds, when tumbled into the water, swim at once. In some cliff birds, where the birthplace may be

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## CHRISTMAS SHOP FROM SWORD!



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## Book Reviews

BOOK REVIEWS IN THIS COLUMN WILL USUALLY BE BY JUDGES OF THE SWORD BOOK CLUB AND WILL BE SIGNED.

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, Assistant to the Editor

**The Epistle of James** by Robert Johnstone, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. One of the Co-operative Reprint Library, 433 pages, \$3.40.

Books on the Epistle of James are so scarce that a new one is always welcome and this should be especially well received. One feature is a new translation of James from the Greek. Then there are five chapters, one for each corresponding chapter in James, dealing with "Notes on the Greek Text." Then follows a very detailed verse by verse commentary on the epistle. This is a good book, a valuable reprint, and students will profit much from its exegesis, I believe.

**A Christian Approach to Philosophy** by Dr. Warren C. Young, Van Kampen Press Publishing Company, Wheaton, Illinois, 256 pages, \$4.00.

A textbook for college and Bible Institute students presenting an introduction to philosophy from the evangelical position. Well outlined; thoroughly indexed; based upon much research and study. Dr. Warren has held the chair of philosophy of religion at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary for several years.

**The Land and the Book** by William M. Thomson, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 718 pages, \$4.95.

A highly recommended volume of Bible manners and customs, long out of print, now abridged and reprinted. Indexed both by subject and by Scriptures; many illustrations. The author spent 30 years as a missionary in the Holy Land and writes from a wealth of first hand experience and observation. The book of 44 chapters is divided into four parts: (1) Phoenicia and Palestine; (2) Northern Palestine; (3) Sea-Coast Plains—Sharon and Philistia; and (4) Southern Palestine. A valuable addition for any library. This abridged edition has several volumes in one.

**The Unfaithful** by Ewald Mand, Muhlenberg Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 292 pages, \$3.75.

A Christian novel built around the life of the Prophet Hosea with the setting some 700 years before the time of Christ. A very interestingly written drama about a man who believed and obeyed God.

**The Book of the Acts** by F. F. Bruce, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 555 pages, \$6.00.

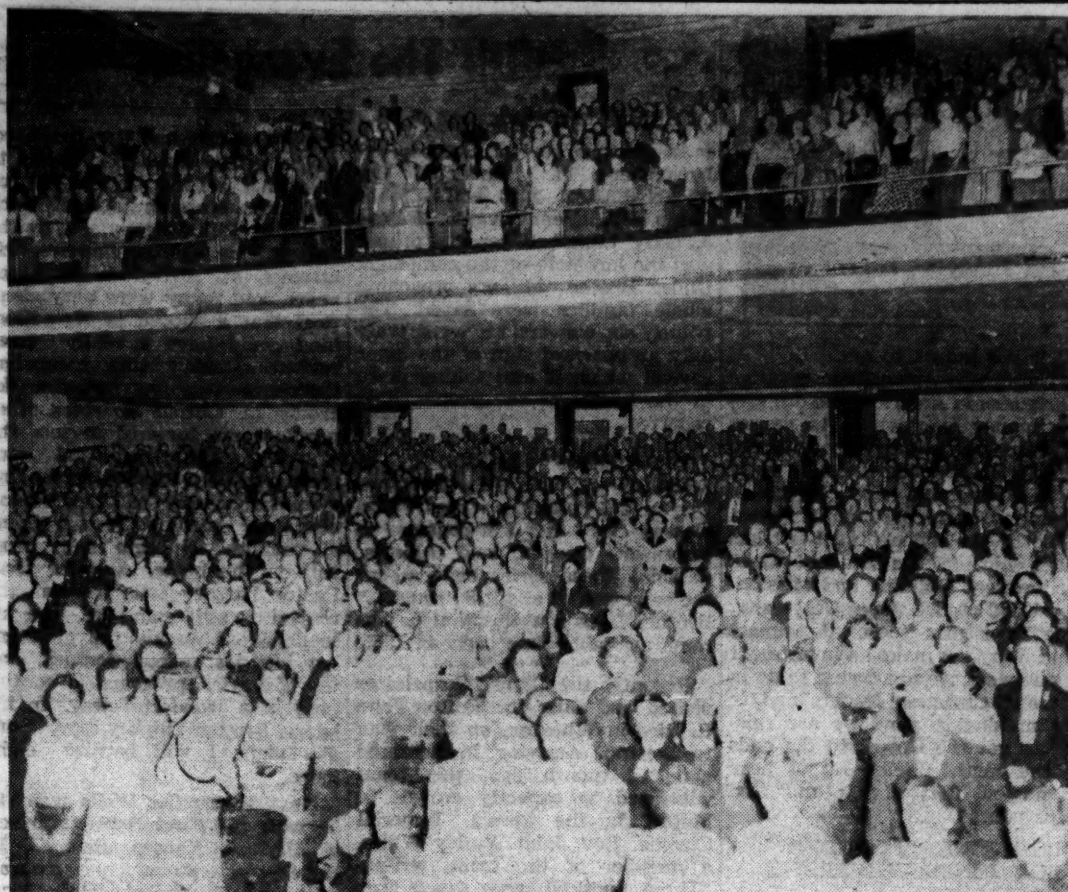
The fifth volume to be published in the *New International Commentary on the New Testament* series. Well outlined and thoroughly indexed. The book is weak on the point of inspiration since Bruce teaches an inspiration which depends upon eyewitness accounts, gathering data from various sources and writing "upon thorough and accurate research and that it is arranged in a proper sequence" (p. 19). Nor could we agree with such philosophy as the idea that the prominent picture of Paul in Acts is because he was "Luke's hero." His teaching concerning the apostle's Pentecostal experience is that it was a "Spirit-baptism (which) took place once for all" (p. 56).

On the other hand, Bruce gives the Book of Acts an early date, before 64 A.D., and accepts the Lukan authorship. He believes in the miracles of the Book and accepts what is written as an accurate, reliable portrayal of events. The commentary shows considerable scholarship and research and is written from the conservative viewpoint.

**The Person of Christ** by G. C. Berkouwer, translated from the Dutch by John Vriend, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 368 pages, \$4.00.

This volume of apologetics was written to answer the assaults

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Typical crowd during Pete Riggs' meeting in Centralia, Illinois, where 290 first-time decisions for Christ were made.

## WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

There were 290 first-time decisions for Christ and 165 rededications in a city-wide revival at Centralia, Illinois, under the leadership of **EVANGELIST PETE RIGGS** of Jacksonville, Illinois. Assisting the evangelist were Bill Weston, director of music; Bill Carle, bass soloist; and Les Barnett, organist. Campaign chairman was Mr. Roy Van Zandt who was fully supported by the pastors of the city.

Estimated crowds from 1,000 to 2,200 gathered each night in the high school auditorium of this small city of approximately 15,000 people. One night 1,200 people waited outside the building until 10:30 before they could be admitted into the auditorium for a service which lasted until 12:30 a.m. That night the leading communist of Centralia was saved, along with many others.

Two days before the campaign closed, a night club owner and professional gambler called Dr. Riggs and asked for an interview. In a parked automobile the gambler told him he had been in the service the night before to ridicule, but, "before the service was over, I realized that I was a fool and that I needed the Jesus you were talking about." He then and there accepted Christ and five days later he had sold his night club and his gambling casino. There were many unusual conversions such as that throughout the meeting and many called the evangelist during the day to be saved.

The first week after the meeting closed two of the co-operating churches reported that there had been at least 17 souls saved in their services and that the spirit of revival was continuing on in all the churches throughout the city. One of the great crowds at-

tending the revival is pictured elsewhere on this page.

**EVANGELIST BOB MANDERSON** recently conducted a blessed revival at the Pricedale Union Church at Pricedale, Pennsylvania. There were over 100 first-time decisions for Christ and 27 reconsecrations. Evangelist Mander-son is the founder and director of Bethany Acres at Fallston, Maryland, a faith work establishment "to provide a place of care and protection in a Christian environment for women who are being shown a new life in Christ and deliverance from the drink habit."

A good letter from Rev. Lloyd Mooney of the Bethel Baptist Church, Georgetown, Illinois, has just been received by Evangelist Bill Rice. The letter tells of the wonderful blessings received recently when **Sword of the Lord EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS** was in the new Bethel Baptist Church. This is a small work, and the people were both grateful and surprised that a man like Oscar Wells would come for a revival. The church had cottage prayer meetings for some six weeks, and the revival was tremendously blessed of God. There were nine conversions, including a seventy-year-old man who has been busily making restitution for past sins. There were three backsliders who came back to the Lord. The little Sunday School went from a handful up to ninety-one. The spiritual impact in the little community has been wonderful.

Evangelist Wells, like other evangelists on the Sword Staff, is often in large churches. He is willing, however, to go to small churches when the Lord clearly leads. If there are other pastors who would like to secure Oscar Wells or any other man on the Staff for revivals, you may write the director, Evangelist Bill Rice, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.

**Sword of the Lord EVANGELIST WALT HANDFORD** recently conducted a revival campaign in the North Brookfield Baptist Church of North Brookfield, New York. This little church has had a tremendously hard pull, but Evangelist Handford believes that under the direction of the new pastor, Rev. Richard Slater, God is going to bless the little church and help it to grow. During the recent meetings there were five conversions and twenty rededications. This, however, does not

really tell the story of the way God blessed during the campaign.

**EVANGELIST DON BELDIN** recently had a 15-day revival effort in the Gose Baptist Church, Abingdon, Virginia. The pastor, Rev. H. E. Boyll, gives a fine recommendation of Brother Beldin. He says souls were saved, attendance was excellent, and that the church has invited Brother Beldin for future services.

**EVANGELIST CLIFTON W. BRANNON**, 626 Electra Street, Longview, Texas, recently conducted a revival in Calvary Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Dr. J. S. Day, pastor, reports 150 additions, 92 by baptism and 58 by letter. Dr. Day said the hand of the Lord was upon the evangelist and God gave the increase daily. There were additions in every service.

Rev. Frank E. Royal, Pastor South Side Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, reports on a revival recently conducted in his church by Evangelist Brannon:

"We have just experienced the great blessings of revival in these recent days. Rarely is there such an outpouring of the Spirit. There are many things to praise God for because every soul is precious. But one of the outstanding things has been the many homes united in Christian love. The prayers of wives and children, Sunday School teachers and friends, have been answered. There were 84 additions to the church. We can only say, How good God has been to us!

Brother and Mrs. Brannon will long be remembered by us all as two of God's great servants."

**EVANGELIST BOB MANDERSON** and Jack Conner of Bethany Acres, Fallston, Maryland, conducted two weeks of meetings recently (October 3-17, 1954) at the Honesdale Gospel Tabernacle, Honesdale, Pennsylvania, according to the pastor, Rev. Wm. Ross Pisano. This campaign resulted in 40 decisions for Christ, the hearts of the believers were strengthened, and God was glorified. The pastor heartily recommends these men to any pastor interested in helping his church.

**EVANGELIST PAUL LEVIN AND BOB FINDLEY** of Carlock, Illinois, closed a one-week meeting Sunday, November 14 at Community Bible Church, Osceola, Iowa, which, according to Pastor David E. Mathews, left the church praising God for His blessing. There were 15 souls saved and many other rededications. The pastor stated that all attendance records were broken during the campaign.

Boehms Methodist Church, near Willow Street, Pennsylvania, received a visitation from God

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## THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

### The Editor Preaches Twenty Times in Four and a Half Days at Pensacola

Although we felt that the very extensive co-operation which would be necessary for the large conferences in Lakeland, Tampa, Panama City and Pensacola was, not secured, yet Pastor Dolphus, Price sent us an urgent invitation to come to Pensacola Wednesday night through Sunday, November 17-21. We accepted, and had a blessed time. I flew to Pensacola, taught the Scriptures on the fullness of the Spirit at 7:00, then after a song service preached again at 8:30 to a great crowd in Brent Baptist Church. On Thursday, with a radio broadcast, a 10:00 a.m. Bible conference service, a noon luncheon with pastors, and with two messages Thursday night, I spoke five times. Then I spoke four times on Friday, three full messages on Saturday, and six times on Sunday! Then I was driven sixty-five miles to Mobile and was on the plane most of the night and arrived in Chicago at 5:00 a.m. Monday. After coming home 25 miles, and breakfast, I went to my desk for the day's work.

It was my privilege to preach Sunday morning at the Pensacola Baptist Temple and Sunday night at the South Side Baptist Church, as well as in other services in the Brent Baptist Church. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., was present Friday and Saturday and preached with great power in the conference. Men, women, and young people and children were saved in various services, many pledged themselves to start a family altar in one of Dr. Bob Jones' wonderful services. There was deep conviction, a moving of the Holy Spirit upon Christians, and holy vows were made. In a number of the services, as many as twenty ministers were present.

Now I am at home two days and a half. Tomorrow night, Wednesday, November 24, I fly to Dallas for the Thanksgiving week end. Services will be held in the brand-new auditorium of the Galilean Baptist Church, founded in 1932 under the leadership of this unworthy editor. I remained as pastor seven and a half years, and God saved multitudes. Services will be held Thursday through Sunday, and Sunday afternoon other pastors and workers will unite with us in dedication of the new auditorium. Dr. Herbert J. Pugmire is the beloved pastor. He was once associated with Dr. H. A. Ironside as his assistant in Moody Church, Chicago.

### Evangelist Hugh Pyle Has Some Open Dates

Readers of THE SWORD may remember that we invited Evangelist Hugh Pyle to become the editor's assistant in revival promotion, following in the steps of the energetic and beloved Dr. D. A. McCall, who has accepted a pastorate in Florida. Brother Pyle came from the Cove Baptist Church, Panama City, Florida. Brother Pyle is a dynamic leader, builder, a Spirit-filled soul winner. He has been having some blessed revivals.

Much of the time Brother Pyle will be in and about Wheaton, but he will also carry on a nationwide revival ministry. He has open time through the month of January and the first half of February. He is trustworthy, doctrinally sound, spiritually wise, a proven soul winner, and a most attractive speaker. Pastors and others who need his services may write him in care of the Sword of the Lord.

Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, my editorial assistant and a strong evangelist, has also moved to Wheaton and carries on a nationwide revival work with the Sword of the Lord as headquarters. He will have time for some good revival campaigns. Readers will remember him as the author of the tremendous sermon on "The Twentieth Century Issue Facing Twentieth Century Christians,"

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Evangelist Pete Riggs



# Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:



I have just received a letter from one of our Bob Jones University alumni who is pastor of a good sound orthodox church. I quote: "I said to our board, 'I am very much in favor of giving some of our missionary funds to Bob Jones University where I know it will be used in the winning of souls.' The board agreed with me, and I am enclosing a check for \$50. We are not able to send a great deal of money because we are just a small church, but we want you to know that we are one hundred per cent behind Bob Jones University. We are a denominational church, but we exercise our right to say where our money goes, and we want it to go where it will pay the greatest dividends for eternity; so with prayer for Bob Jones University, we are sending this check. The school has meant so much to me personally, and I cannot pay for

all it has meant to me."

There are many conservative Christians in America who are giving money everywhere to causes that are not in harmony with the Gospel or the doctrines of their own churches. Any orthodox Christian can consistently invest some of the money the Lord has given him in the Student Loan Endowment Building and Missionary Fund of Bob Jones University. The Christmas season is almost here. Why not make an investment in the work we are trying to do in training Christian leaders and in the missionary fund we are raising to get the Gospel to the ends of the earth? Please let us hear from you. Thank you and God bless you.

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## Miracles of Science

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a ledge two or three hundred feet above the sea, as with the razor-bills, the parents have to coax or even force the young bird to take the first plunge. Sometimes they help down the young bird, and even seem to give actual instruction. Thus, the mother great-crested grebe takes her young ones on her back for a sail, and then, sinking beneath the water, leaves them gently afloat.

Besides learning the art of swimming quickly, the same is generally true of flying and diving, pecking and scratching, crouching and lying low. But we soon come to the end of the list and then find the young bird actually learning.

Professor Lloyd Morgan observed that his chicks, hatched out in the laboratory away from any bird, paid no attention to their own mother's cluck when she was brought outside the door. Later on, when they were thirsty, and willing to drink from a moist fingertip, they did not know what water was for, even when they walked through a saucerful. It was only when they happened to peck their toes when standing in the dish that they appreciated water as the thing they wanted. Only then did they raise their bills to the sky in the familiar fashion. Later on, these unprejudiced youngsters stuffed their crops with red yarn, as if they mistook the pieces for worms. Evidently they missed their mother's teaching, but they soon learned. Not more than once or twice did they try the red wormed or the unpalatable caterpillar. They learned with great rapidity.

Diving birds will swim away at once after birth, but it may be weeks before they know they can dive. A bird seems to need something to arouse the diving instinct, such as a dog running down the bank, barking. Without a second's hesitation the bird will disappear under the water for the first time in its life, remaining under for sometime and then peeping carefully, its head just showing above water. Nothing had previously awakened the diving instinct; it was the dog's bark that pulled the trigger. Intelligence and instinct joined hands and the power which was present at birth was now available when needed. Creation again!

The songthrush knows how to break snail shells on a stone anvil. Miss Frances Pitt, in her *Wild Creatures of Garden and Hedge-row*, tells of this curious habit. To a young thrush which she had brought up by hand, she offered some woodsnails, but he took no interest in them until one of the snails put out its head and began to move. The bird then pecked at its horns and seemed amazed when the snail retreated within the shelter of its shell. This hap-

pened over and over again, the bird's inquisitiveness increasing day by day. The thrush often picked up a shell by the lip and let it fall, but no real progress was made until the sixth day, when the bird seized the snail and beat it on the ground somewhat in the same manner as thrushes do with a big earthworm. At last on the same day, he picked up a snail, and hit the shell repeatedly against a stone. He tried one snail's shell after another. After fifteen minutes of hard work, he managed to break one. After that, it was easy. A tendency to beat things seems to be inborn in this bird, but in this particular instance, he seemed to have learned intelligently how to solve a fairly difficult problem.

Birds, like any backboned animals, often show quickness in forming a connection between some sight or sound and an appropriate action. Professor Morgan tells of a moor-hen chick for whom he used to dig earthworms. This bird soon learned to run to him from some distance whenever he took the spade in hand. It is not necessary to suppose that the bird reasoned, "He's got hold of the thing that brings me worms," but some association evidently existed in the bird's mind between the spade and a pleasant hunger-satisfying experience.

All of us have watched birds collecting food and dealing with it. We have gazed at the robin on the lawn, hopping here and there, cocking his head on one side, listening intently, and then making a quick thrust to bring out an earthworm without breaking it, and leaning back to stretch the worm for careful removal. The robin has, apparently, an astonishingly acute sense of hearing, probably able to detect the slight movement of the worm below the ground. Then, we have watched robins build nests and rear their young ones, and all of us have remarked with wonderment at what we have seen. These in-born gifts, or promptings, or abilities—whatever you like to call them—are instinctive. I am sure we shall enjoy a little closer examination of some of these wonders, such as nest-making, the laying of eggs, and their hatching. We shall look at their feathers, their plumage, and their ability to fly. Here are the operations of amazing interest from which we shall draw some conclusions of importance.

Birds are mentioned many times in the Bible as objects of God's care. I read in Luke 12:24:

"Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; AND GOD FEEDETH THEM; how much more are ye better than the fowls?"

Jesus compared Himself and His love and care for Jerusalem to

## With The Evangelists

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in a glorious revival October 31-November 14, conducted by **EVANGELIST JOE MILLER** of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Pastor J. Gary Campbell reports prayer was the key note of the campaign. Under Brother Miller's preaching whole families were saved. The twenty-six conversions were truly only an outward sign of the inner revival which is still taking place in the hearts of the people, it is reported.

**EVANGELIST JOSEPH T. LARSON** of 4203 Alcott Street, Denver 21, Colorado, writes: "God blessed us in 5 meetings in Nebraska, Oregon, and Alberta, Canada. These series have meant the salvation of about 80 souls..." Brother Larson writes that he has some available time early in 1955.

Recently the Global Gospelaires visited and sang for Editor John R. Rice in Wheaton, on their way to Ireland. Arriving in Scotland about a month ago, this team witnessed to capacity crowds in Methil, in the town's Imperial Cinema. Rev. John Wesley White, a member of the team, writes: "Three hundred were saved during the fourteen days here, eighty-one in one night. All the churches of Scotland got behind us... they have asked us back for June (next year), to get the two neighboring cities—Buckhaven and Leven—with their churches, to stage a large-scale campaign."

The team held a one-night rally in Liverpool in the Central Hall, seating 2,000, and scores responded to the invitation for salvation. When the letter was written, they had just finished in Wellington Hall in Belfast, and "the last two nights the crowds had to be turned away." They now are in Edinburgh, then will go to Glasgow.

Reports have just come in of three wonderful revival campaigns conducted by **Sword of the Lord EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS**. He was with the Timberlake Baptist Church of Forest, Virginia, the last two weeks of September. The Rev. Robert Daniel is the pastor of this church, and this is the second time Evangelist Wells has been there for a revival meeting. During this campaign there were twenty-eight conversions, sixty-three rededications,

the solicitude of a mother hen for her young. In Matthew 23:37, He speaks, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not."

In Isaiah 40:31, we are told that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Have we begun to learn the lesson of God's providential care of His children? It is true, of course, that only those who have the position of children of God have any right to pray for blessing. It is common to hear God called, "Father," as if every person on earth came under this divine care. God is Creator of all, but in the real sense, we can only call Him Father, when we join the family, and that is the truth I am stressing so many times. It is surely very worth while to put ourselves into a position where we have the right to seek and expect care and blessing of God to become evident in our lives.

It is not to be expected that an individual who pays no attention to God—possibly takes His name in vain often, and then in a moment of need, presumes to beseech God for protection and blessing—has any right to expect an answer. I believe, that, sometimes, God actually does intervene on behalf of gross sinners, but that does not prove the right of the recipient of His love to claim it just because He is Supreme Creator. Have you qualified—as a real member of God's family? Remember the way—through Christ—and there is no other name nor way. Delay is dangerous. Will you make the decision today?

(From the book, **MIRACLES OF SCIENCE**, now out of print.)

and other decisions for the Lord.

Evangelist Wells next went to be with the First Baptist Church of Clinton, Massachusetts, of which the Rev. Phil Hughey, Jr., is the pastor. This was the church's first attempt at revival in thirteen years, and many were very skeptical that a church in New England could have a really great revival. During this campaign, there were fifty-four first-time decisions for Christ! Fourteen other people came forward to join the church for baptism, and four more who joined by letter, making a total of seventy-two. There were also sixty rededications and several families to begin daily worship in the home. A letter from Pastor Hughey tells us that the revival is still going on. The attendance at weekly prayer meeting has just about doubled, and the visitation program is continuing in a wonderful way. In his letter, Brother Hughey says, "Sunday night I will baptize eight more."

Next Evangelist Wells went to be with the First Baptist Church of Olysses, Kansas. Rev. G. E. Robey, a warm, personal friend of Evangelist Bill Rice, is pastor of this church. This was the second time Evangelist Wells had been in the church for a revival, and many thought this was the finest revival the church has ever experienced. There were thirty-six conversions and thirty-six rededications, and seven who surrendered their lives for full-time service.

These meetings are typical of those conducted by Oscar Wells. Pastors wishing to contact him for dates should write to him in care of the Sword of the Lord, or to Evangelist Bill Rice, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.

**EVANGELIST WILFRID C. MELOON**, of Richmond, Maine, announces that Mrs. Meloon, who has gone with him regularly, must now stay at home with children in school. He is available as song leader and associate evangelist. He would like to go regularly with some good soul-winning evangelist. He is a graduate of Providence Bible Institute, plays several instruments, uses Christian films, etc.

## Book Reviews

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of modernism on the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ. The book opens with a summary of various attacks on the twofold nature of Christ and continues by tracing the Christological controversy down through Church History, including the Reformed Confessions. The author's able defense, in which he combines logic and Divine revelation, follows in succeeding chapters. Especially good chapters are "Promise and Fulfillment," "The Deity of Christ," and "The Sinlessness of Christ." This is definitely a book for the advanced student, not the spiritually immature. Thoroughly indexed.

**An Outline of Hebrew History** by Dr. J. Barton Payne, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 257 pages, \$3.50.

As the title suggests, this is only an outline of Hebrew history, but a very enjoyable and readable outline it is. The author follows a three fold emphasis: (1) Biblical, (2) Historical, and (3) Synthetic. The volume is divided into two main parts of six periods each with the first division dealing with Hebrew history from its inception to the division of the Kingdom under Rehoboam, and the second section covering the period from the start of the divided Kingdom to the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A. D. by Titus and his Roman legions. Has a detailed subject index and Scripture index. Many maps, diagrams, and charts enhance the value of the book. Review questions are found at the close of each period. A helpful book.

**History of the Jewish Nation** by Alfred Edersheim, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 533 pages, \$4.20.

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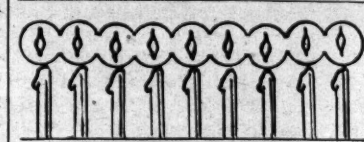
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famous and popular volume, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*. The book, which is one of the Co-operative Reprint Library series, deals with Jewish history only after the destruction of Jerusalem under Titus. This present work has been revised by Henry A. White, major changes being noted in the text by brackets. Heavy reading, probably of value only to the advanced student.

**The Book of Isaiah** by Dr. George L. Robinson, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 175 pages, \$2.50. Revised Edition.

First published in 1910, this volume contains fourteen studies in the book of Isaiah with seven brief sections to each study. Review questions at the back of the book cover the fourteen studies. The book is intended to serve primarily as a textbook and needs to be read with the Bible open at Isaiah.

The author, Professor emeritus at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Chicago, believes strongly in the unity of the Book, standing firm that it was written by only one Isaiah, not three or even two! However, the volume does not come out as strong for inspiration as could be hoped or even, in the reviewer's estimation, as the situation requires.

**Topical Text-Finder** by Charles Simmons, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 750 pages, \$3.60.

A Co-operative Reprint Library book formerly published under the title, *Scripture Manual*. The purpose of the volume, according to the publishers, is "to present in compact and readily accessible form the teaching of Scripture on a large variety of subjects of current and perennial interest."

Subjects are alphabetically arranged, making indexing unnecessary. Scriptures are printed in full in the text, making it much more convenient than when just the reference is given. A very handy manual for Sunday School teachers, ministers, youth workers, and any others desiring special study in the Scripture. Those who have not had special training will find it especially helpful.

**Lutheran Cyclopedia**, edited by Erwin L. Lueker, Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis, Missouri, 1,160 pages, \$7.50.

A tremendous one-volume work professing to contain authoritative and reliable information on all phases of past and present religion, with special emphasis on American Lutheranism. However, the reliability of the volume is questioned when reading such statements as, "From the Apostolic age to the rise of Anabaptism in the sixteenth century the doctrine of infant Baptism (pedobaptism) was undisputed . . . it is in agreement with Holy Scripture to insist upon pedobaptism" (p. 428). And surely the volume is unreliable when it teaches baptismal regeneration, saying, "Contrary to assertions of modern rationalists . . . Baptism . . . is to be used as a means of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation till the end of time" (p. 427).

There are 112 contributors for the *Cyclopedia* who have written on a total of 7,550 subjects. Many of the subjects are thumbnail biographical sketches of Christian leaders living and dead, but again one is made to wonder why sketches of men like Shailer Mathews are given; yet others, like Billy Graham, are omitted. The strong Lutheran emphasis throughout the volume probably limits its value to that group.

**The Gospel in the Feasts of Israel** by Victor Buksbazen, The Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society, Inc., 728 Witherpoon Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania; Forward by Dr. Oswald J. Smith, 80 pages, price not given.

One of the most interesting and readable little books on this subject to be printed in recent days. Especially good chapters were, "Passover and the Lord's Supper" and "Yom Kippur—Day of Atonement." Very interesting also was the author's light on why we observe December 25th, the Jewish Kislew 25th, as the birthday of Christ, including the significant

## Liquor -- a Curse to America

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Tucker, Executive Director of the United Texas Drys, has arranged a field day next Sunday with temperance speakers in most Fort Worth and Dallas churches. Two mammoth mass meetings are scheduled for next Sunday afternoon. In the Fair Park Auditorium here in Dallas, Dr. Duke McCall and the famous mile runner, Dr. Glen Cunningham, will speak, and over in the Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth, Mr. R. K. Kapoor, with the Washington Embassy of India, and I are speakers.

For nearly twenty years I have conducted "The Voice of Temperance" broadcast over individual radio stations when I could purchase the time. This is the first time I have ever purchased time over a coast-to-coast network. This broadcast is a beginning. It is a venture of faith on my part. We have purchased and paid for this time at regular commercial rates and if you nondrinking friends across the nation will co-operate, other network broadcasts will be arranged advocating abstinence and portraying the evils of drink. With big billboards, metropolitan dailies, national magazines, and the radio and television networks glamorizing and glorifying drink as they do today, a weekly broadcast across the nation presenting the other side of this drink question is certainly in order. I have made the start with this broadcast, but the final verdict about future broadcasts is in your hands. I urge you to write me immediately that you favor more broadcasts of this kind to bring our nation back to the paths of sobriety and temperance. A free copy of tonight's talk will be mailed to you, and we will notify you when future network talks are to be given. My mail address is Sam Morris, Zone 9, San Antonio, Texas.

Strong drink caused Noah to commit the first sin following the flood.

It brought a moral blackout to the family of Lot.

It played a tragic part in David's sins of adultery and murder.

It was employed by Absalom when he murdered Amnon.

It debauched and killed Nabal, a descendant of grand old Caleb. Ahasuerus dethroned good Queen Vashti because she refused to promenade her beauty before his drunken party.

Mighty Babylon fell while Belshazzar with a thousand of his lords drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver.

John the Baptist got his head cut off at a drunken birthday party.

The Bible very emphatically declares, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Prov. 20:1).

### Liquor Consumption Under Repeal

America relegalized the liquor traffic in 1933. The American people drank a per capita average of something over 8 gallons of beer, wine and whisky in 1934—the first full year of repeal. They drink an annual per capita average now of over 18 gallons. George R. Reilly, of the California Equalization Board, told a Senate subcommittee investigating juvenile delinquency the other day that alcoholic beverage consumption in that state had skyrocketed from 70 million gallons 17 years ago to 225 million gallons today, and that by 1959, it would reach 500 million gallons annually.

Arrests for drunkenness per 100,000 population have climbed from 831.1 in 1932, the last full year of prohibition to 1,810.2 in 1952, an increase of 118% in 20 years of repeal.

Arrests for driving while intoxicated were 67.7 per 100,000 population in 1932, the last year of prohibition. They have increased to 186.4 per 100,000 population in 1952, according to FBI reports.

relation of their Day of Hanukkah on that date and our Christmas. A minor discordant note is sounded with the teaching that Pentecost was "the Birthday of the Church." On the whole, a helpful book.

That is an increase of 175% under repeal.

American people are spending more than 9 billion dollars annually for alcoholic beverages and the liquor traffic is spending over 250 million dollars annually in advertising to increase the flow and sale of alcoholic beverages.

Ladies and gentlemen, don't you think it is high time somebody got up courage and faith enough to launch a nationwide effort to do something about this liquor question? Don't you think it is time somebody undertook to turn back this engulfing tide of drunken debauchery that can destroy our nation just as surely as can communism? In fact, Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl, former governor of Minnesota, recently declared that drunk driving was doing more harm than communism. Well, my friends, I have made that undertaking—that beginning—with this coast-to-coast network over NBC tonight, and if you agree that such a broadcast is needed, write and tell me so.

### Alcohol a Poison

It is a scientifically established fact that alcohol in beer, wine or whisky is a habit-forming, narcotic, poisonous drug. It clouds the brain, depresses the nerves, distorts the vision, retards muscular reactions, and releases the moral inhibitions.

That is why multiplied thousands of citizens who were once useful, respected, and gainfully employed, populate the skid rows of our great cities tonight as human derelicts, "dead beats," and bums.

That is why the hospitals of the land—private, denominational, state, federal, and military, are tonight crowded with hopeless and helpless alcoholics.

That is why police records and court dockets, as well as the jails and prisons of this nation, are tonight packed and jammed with crime cases committed by people under the influence of beverage alcohol.

That is why our daily papers carry, day after day, sordid stories from all parts of America portraying every immoral sin in the catalogue committed by people under the influence of beverage alcohol.

That is why at least ten thousand people die every year and another 250,000 are wounded in nonfatal injuries on our streets and highways in accidents involving a drinking driver or a drinking pedestrian.

That is why so many divorces and broken homes result from drinking. The October issue of *Reader's Digest* declares, "Some experts estimate up to 50 per cent."

That's why tonight in the adopted homes, relative's homes, and orphan's homes of this nation, there are thousands of helpless little waifs who have been bereft of a father's protection and a mother's care—the blight of beverage alcohol.

Evangeline Booth, who with her Salvation Army, went around the world gathering up the human wreckage from the streets and gutters of the globe never spoke truer words than when she declared:

"Drink has drained more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves than any other poisonous scourge that ever swept its death-dealing waves across the world."

### Liquor Advertising

Intelligent, informed people know that the use of beverage alcohol is fraught with physical, mental, domestic, moral, and spiritual danger to adults as well as youth. But, you would never get that impression by the way the big advertisements in newspapers, magazines, over radio and

on television glamorize and glorify its use.

The advertisers of beverage alcohol utter no caution, sound no warning, give no indication that there is ever any unpleasantness connected with its use. They associate it with popular sports, they portray it as an integral part of happy homes. They glorify its use with wholesome public acceptance, harmless refreshment, social courtesy, domestic tranquility, popular approval, and personal enjoyment. Such a one-sided glorification of this habit-forming narcotic, poisonous drug is downright dishonest, deceptive, and dangerous.

That is why I purchased this network time to lift my voice in protest and sound a warning. That is why such a national network broadcast ought to be made a weekly affair. There is another side to this liquor story. It needs to be told. The country should hear it; are you in favor of its being told?

### Liquor and Lawlessness

The advocates of legal liquor say much about the corruption, the crime, the lawlessness, the gangsters and the hoodlums of prohibition days.

They are twenty years behind the times!

Newspapers have widely quoted J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as saying in his semiannual report on crime trends in the nation that we are going to have the worst crime record in American history this year if the present rate continues.

United States Senator Estes Kefauver published in his book, *Crime in America*, on page 21,

"Political corruption in the United States seems to have sunk to a new low. The committee members repeatedly were sickened by repetitious evidence of official dishonesty. Everywhere we went we found the disillusioning facts. . . The dishonor roll of criminals and politicians compiled by the Senate Crime Committee was a sordid and sickening document."

He writes that wherever they went they found these sordid and sickening examples of crime and corruption, and remember, they held hearings in New York, Washington, Miami, New Orleans, Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Reno, Los Angeles, and in other major cities of the nation.

Senator Kefauver further states (paragraph 4, page 163, *Crime in America*),

"Our own investigation established that all the major distilleries and certain large breweries have granted franchises to hoodlums, including some in the top ranks of organized crime."

He says that all—not a few, not some, not many, not most,—but ALL major distilleries and certain large breweries have granted franchises to hoodlums including some in the top ranks of organized crime.

Senator Kefauver was quoted in the *Chicago Daily Sun Times* of November 13, 1950, as declaring, "Organized crime in the country today would make kindergarten play out of the operations of the Capone boys."

Six weeks ago the United Press carried an article on juvenile crime by the famous Brooklyn judge, Samuel S. Leibowitz, in which he states, "The young criminal today—though he may be barely out of knee pants—is more brazen, more cynical, more sadistic than the toughest gangsters of the Capone era."

So the man who talks about crime, corruption, hoodlums and gangsters under prohibition is just twenty years behind the time. He is a Rip Van Winkle. Let's wake him up.

### Liquor and Juvenile Delinquency

Juveniles and liquor play major roles in the crime picture today. The United Press a few weeks ago reported a spot check it had made of juvenile crime in ten major cities across the nation. That newspaper article opened by saying, "A good looking boy, about eighteen, tanked up on beer. . . that is the juvenile delinquent. You have seen him time and again."

A scientifically conducted, unbiased survey of Nassau County, New York's 29,000 high school students revealed that 90 per cent of them drink alcoholic beverages.

Official figures from the files of Ada County, Idaho, revealed that 96 per cent of juvenile delinquent cases in that county coming before the court involved liquor.

The Dallas County, Texas, grand jury just the other day reported the tie-in between liquor and juvenile delinquency when it published, "In numerous instances we have seen the juveniles and young people involved in crimes have a short time earlier been in beer joints, taverns, lounges, and honky-tonks."

At Laguna Beach, California, over 100 high school and college students were arrested after two nights of wild drinking parties that would make the hip pocket flasks and bath tub gin parties of prohibition days look like a Sunday School picnic. But what else can you expect when millions of American fathers and mothers think they can't spend a holiday, go on a fishing trip, celebrate a birthday, observe Christmas, or entertain friends, without filling up on liquor!

What else can you expect when day and night across the land on big highway billboards, by brightly flashing neon signs, through colorful attractive pictures in newspapers and maga-

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## Liquor a Curse to America

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zines, and by radio and television the teenagers of the nation, both in the open public and in the privacy of their front living room, have dinned in their ears and flaunted before their eyes plaudits and tributes to the popularity, pleasure and taste satisfaction to be derived from drinking some particular brand of alcoholic beverage.

Don't blame the immature and inexperienced youth. Blame the fathers and mothers, the preachers and the church members who know better but never raise a voice or lift a hand in protest. Let's put the blame where it rightfully belongs.

### Liquor and Political Leadership

That leads me to say another thing. The examples and influence of the official, political leadership of this nation plays a very vital role in this moral downgrade.

Internal Revenue records reveal that in Washington, D.C., they drink four times as much hard liquor per person as is consumed by the rest of the country as a whole.

Washington is the nerve center of the world. Our national decisions and policies help to determine the fate of the world. And yet, ladies and gentlemen, in these perilous times of confusion and anxiety where we need the clearest brains, the steadiest nerves, the soberest judgments, the sanest decisions, the sipping of highballs and cocktails is the chief order of most social gatherings and many governmental functions.

The wild parties and drinking sprees in Washington have given rise to the popular saying that today in Washington there are not two, but three major political parties—the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, and the Cocktail Party.

World-famous evangelist, Billy Graham, was widely quoted by the press—during his Washington campaign—as saying:

"Washington needs a spiritual awakening more than any other city I have ever been to. I've only begun to see what takes place here—drinking parties—the way influence is bought and sold—disregard for morals in the realm of sex—I am disgusted and nauseated—it is unbelievable."

Like Israel of old, "They also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way . . . they err in vision, they stumble in judgment." (Isa. 28:7).

### Liquor and Our International Conferences

This drinking, celebrating, cocktail-sipping atmosphere not only dominates our national capital where our domestic policies are formulated, but it has pervaded all of our international conferences as well. At Casablanca, Cairo, Teheran, Yalta, and Potsdam, our American delegation was accompanied on every trip by great cargoes of liquor.

The meetings of the UN Assemblies from San Francisco to New York, to London, to Lake Success, and back to New York have been conducted under the prevailing atmosphere of mahogany bars, clinking glasses, and the delegates' taste buds have tingled with every flavor of alcoholic beverage the mind of man could concoct.

The meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conferences have followed the same pattern. One after another they have come and gone with little or nothing accomplished, but with plenty of drinking.

These international meetings and conferences remind Bible readers of old Belshazzar's feast when he, with a thousand of his lords and their wives and concubines, drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, and a hand wrote on the wall that he was weighed in the balances and found wanting.

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget—lest we forget."

### Liquor and the Army Camps

That leads me to say a word about liquor in our army camps.

When Selective Service was first inaugurated, the brewers, through their official publication, gloated, "Here is a chance for the brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men."

They succeeded beyond their fondest hopes and with fatal results to our nation and its armed forces. Pearl Harbor is an example. There are others. Who could ever forget the awful bloody carnage at Christmastime in 1944 when Field Marshall Karl Von Rundsted launched the counter-drive known as the "Battle of the Bulge" that slew 60,000 American soldiers and destroyed mountains of munitions? The Army newspaper, *Stars and Stripes*, editorially credited beer-tight G.I. Joes for that debacle.

Thousands of young men who went away from home as total abstainers have returned from military service to humiliate their fathers and mothers with their drinking escapades.

Tonight thousands of teen-aged boys drafted from good homes where no alcoholic beverages are served roam our city streets lonesome, homesick, confused, bewildered, easy prey to all the evils associated with beer joints, taverns, road houses and honky-tonks.

### Liquor—a Curse to America

Liquor is a curse to America. It is a curse to her highways. It is a curse to her government. It is a curse to her army. It is a curse to her homes. It is a curse to her youth. It is a curse to her politics. It is a curse to her manhood and womanhood. It foments strife, creates confusion, fosters crime, promotes corruption, pollutes social life, and undermines military might.

The man who runs a grocery store, a dry goods store, a meat market, a hardware store, a furniture store, a lumber yard, a feed store, or who sells farm implements, gasoline, automobiles or real estate, that man sells a product that is useful to the community, needed in the community and beneficial to mankind. But the man who sells beer, wine or whisky sells a product to his community that not only is not beneficial to the community but is positively detrimental to the public good by causing traffic deaths, moral declensions, criminal violence, domestic strife, and social debauchery. His community would be far better off if not a drop of his product could be obtained within a thousand miles.

### A Two-Pronged Problem

The liquor problem is a two-pronged problem. The traffic is one prong; and the drinker is the other prong. The traffic by making, advertising, and selling liquor fosters murder, crime, lawlessness, highway slaughter, and alcoholism just the same as does the drinker by buying and drinking the stuff. They are both partners in the problem—the producer and the consumer.

You can't solve the problem of an overflowing bathtub just by swinging the mop. You must screw down the faucet.

You can't solve the pole cat problem in your hen house just by fumigating the chicken. You must kill the cat.

You can't solve the rattlesnake problem in your back yard just by doctoring the child he bites. You must kill the snake.

### Prohibition Aimed at the Traffic

That is why I am for prohibition. It takes a law to kill the traffic. But somebody says: "You can't legislate sobriety into people." Prohibition laws do not attempt to. They are not aimed at the drinker. They are aimed at the traffic. We teach total abstinence to the individual; we prohibit the traffic. We admonish the drinker to leave it alone; we forbid the maker, advertiser and seller by law. We work at both prongs of the problem.

### Prohibition Tried Once

People say, "We tried prohibition once." Sure, we have tried world peace several times. We spent billions and killed millions to make the world safe for democ-

cracy in World War I. Then Hitler arose and we tried it all over again on a bigger and more bloody scale. Then there followed the Korean conflict at the cost of more billions in money and more millions in human lives. And democracy is more unsafe and more insecure today than it has ever been.

But that doesn't mean that we are to give up the fight, surrender the cause and settle down to a peaceful coexistence with communism because freedom, independence and liberty are worth fighting for over and over and over. Ladies and gentlemen, freedom from the slavery and debauchery of liquor is worth fighting for, so we propose to keep our guns loaded and our flag waving in the wind on the side of prohibition.

### Prohibition Can Be Enforced

Somebody says, "You can't enforce prohibition."

Do you mean to tell me that a government that can make 130 million people obey rationing regulations; that can make 60 million people obey tax laws none of them like; that can make 20 or 30 million boys obey a draft law; that can spend multiplied billions of dollars and send her military forces around the globe to put down totalitarianism can't make a few thousand bootleggers stop poking fruit jars through a knot hole after dark?

That is the answer to that one, my friend.

### Alcohol Unchanged by Legalization

The thing that makes alcohol a curse is what it is and what it does, not where it is made, who makes it or who gets the money out of it. People frequently say, "It is better to have legal than bootleg liquor." There is no difference in the alcohol. It is all the same habit-forming narcotic, poisonous drug. Legal liquor will make you drunk the same as bootleg liquor. Legal liquor will cause you to wreck your car, starve your family, beat your wife, commit a crime, become an alcoholic—the same as bootleg liquor.

You can't change alcohol and its effect upon a human being by changing the legal standing of the man who makes or sells it.

Collecting taxes from its production and sale no more changes its destructive powers than caging a rattlesnake and charging admission to see him change the poison in his fangs. He is the same old slimy, subtle, death-dealing, misery-making snake.

### I Am Not Responsible for Bootleggers

Legalizing liquor does not change alcohol. But I will tell you what it does do. It puts the government and the voter in partnership with the liquor traffic and therefore responsible with the traffic for all the wrongs that result from it.

What the lawless bootlegger does in the back alley against my will and over my protest I am not responsible for and no intelligent person can blame me with. But if I walk up to a ballot box and vote to legalize the manufacture and sale of beverage alcohol and people make and sell it and pay taxes to me through my government—I vote for them to make and sell it, I authorize them to make and sell it, I accept tax money from its manufacture and sale—I am just as vitally a part of that production and sale as they are. That man or woman who votes to legalize the liquor traffic may never drink a drop, but the fact that he or she voted to authorize its production and sale and receive tax money from it puts them in inseparable partnership with the traffic.

I wasn't born last week. I know that when I work, talk, preach, pray, and vote against liquor I won't keep everybody from making it and I won't keep everybody from selling it, but I will keep from being a willing partner with them in their humanity-harming, home-wrecking, soul-destroying business.

That, ladies and gentlemen, is why millions of American citizens favor prohibition, local, state-wide or nationwide; internally, externally and eternally. We are not interested in regulating the traffic.

## Editor's Notes

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which won the grand prize in our vital sermon contest. Brother Robert L. Sumner may be addressed also in care of the Sword of the Lord. Please pray for these strong men, as they help us promote revivals and in their own soul-winning work.

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### Silence Is Sinful

I'll tell you something else. If you have the same convictions that I have about this business, then, to be silent is sinful. There is not room for the shadow of a doubt. The watchman on the wall must cry out the warning or become guilty of the blood of others. The Bible declares, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." The Bible says, "Curse ye Meroz, saith the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

That is why I have lifted my "Voice of Temperance" over the radio for the past twenty years. That is exactly why I bought this radio time and am on this nationwide network tonight speaking to you.

I believe the time has come for the good, God-fearing people of this nation to arouse themselves, shake off their lethargy, cast away their timidity, join hands, and launch an all-out frontal attack on the liquor traffic, and one thing you can do to further such an undertaking is to sit down right now before you do anything else and write me that you favor more network broadcasts of this kind. If you have written or ever expect to write me such a letter, I hope you will write it this very night. I will be glad to acknowledge your communication by mailing you a copy of this talk. Send your letter to Sam Morris, Zone 9, San Antonio, Texas.

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## God Answers Because . . .

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so that the key that should have struck against the notch, struck against the smooth edge of the bar. I did not at the time know what the matter was. I only knew that the gentleman, my guest, wished his suitcase and that I could not get it for him. After having tried several moments and had others do the same unavailingly, I said to one of the janitors:

"Will you kindly see that this door is opened? We shall need to get this gentleman's suitcase for the train at 3 o'clock."

He consented to do so, and we went on to our luncheon. Returning at 3 o'clock, in scant time for the train, I found the door locked and the lock in exactly the condition in which it had been. I turned the key forward and backward, and did not know what to do. At last it occurred to me that I had not prayed, so as I stood by the door I said:

"Lord, you know that this gentleman needs his baggage and I cannot get it for him in time for the train unless you help. Please make this key throw this bolt."

Having thus prayed as I stood by the door, I turned the key and as if there had never been the slightest difficulty, the bolt shot back and the door was open!

I mentioned this to two brother ministers at my table that day or the next, and one of them said:

"I never would bother the Lord about a little thing like that. I would consult a locksmith."

So would I have consulted a locksmith had there been time, but if I had waited to do so, my friend could not have had his suitcase in time for his train. I was glad that God gave it to him.

This fact having been stated in *The Christian Endeavor World*, one of my neighbors not long afterward mentioned that she had read it. She said that her stove had been out of order for some weeks, that she had ordered the stove man to come and put it in order, that he had failed to do so and that her husband had repeatedly gone to the city with the memory of a smoky kitchen and a poor breakfast to hamper his day's work. Having read this article, she said:

"I said to myself, if God in answer to prayer will help unlock a door, why would He not help me with my stove, to get my husband a decent breakfast?"

So she prayed that God would help her about the stove, and she said:

"I do not pretend to know what the reason was for the change. The only difference that I know about was that I had prayed."

Whatever may have been the explanation, the stove drew perfectly from the beginning and her husband had a hot breakfast and a clean house to remember as he went away to the train.

### These Things Happened for Examples

I suppose that in our Christian lives, from beginning to end, there is nothing more commonplace than the force of example. God helps a person to do a thing and somebody else, learning of this assistance, asks for and receives the same. This is true everywhere and is one reason, no doubt, why God answers our prayers, in order that we may assist other people by telling them of the answers which we have received, and encouraging them to ask and receive that their joy also may be full.

Another great fact in prayer life is that when we have ourselves prayed and have received the joy of the Lord in our lives as a result, we are in a condition to be helpful to other people by our own activities. One of the reasons why we do not help others more is because we do not care to. Of course this is failure. I shall not do any more good than I wish to. But other reasons why we oftentimes fail in helping our fellows are that we do not know how or we have not the power. This knowledge and this power are gained by prayer, and if we thus pray, God answers our prayers that we may be helpful to our fellows. I think most of our readers will have at some time

heard the little gospel song, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing Today." The sentiment is perfectly Christian and the fact is an explanation of the great usefulness of certain persons, for God wishes to make us blessings and if we ask for knowledge as to method, or for power to carry out a proposed form, He is certain to help us.

I remember to have been riding into Boston one morning. I sat in the coach praying as we were running into the station and my prayer was that the Lord would enable me to be of service to some of His children that day. When I stepped on the platform I saw immediately before me a little Italian woman. She had a baby in her arms, a child perhaps three years of age hanging on to her skirts, a satchel in the free hand, and a large bundle of clothes lying on the platform. She looked very helpless and instantly the Spirit said to me, "Here they are."

So I took the bundle of clothes and the grip. She looked at me closely for a moment, but evidently made up her mind that I did not intend to do any harm, and I said to her in very good English, of which she, I suppose, did not understand a single word, though she could perfectly understand my look and act, "Come on, let us go down." So we went the length of that platform in the South Station, to the concourse, where I found directly the interpreter who took care of the Italians. He took her baggage, spoke to her in her native tongue and put her in the way where she wished to go. It was a very little thing to do, but it was an answer to prayer and it helped me to be helpful.

I do not know where I read it, but not long ago, someone, perhaps Dr. Torrey himself, spoke of his method of making journeys. The report was that when Dr. Torrey went into a passenger coach, he put his baggage on the rack or on the floor of the coach, sat down in the seat next the window and then prayed that God would bring to his seat the person whom he could help. How simple it is and yet how many times it would please God to do that very thing, to bring the soul desiring service into living touch with the soul needing service.

### A Homeless Woman

I remember very well meeting an unfortunate lady at one time who reported that she had been robbed of practically all her money, that she had been ordered out of her boardinghouse, and that she did not know which way to turn or what to do. I was on my way to the city at the time, having a meeting there, and I was as perplexed as she. When we got on to the train, I looked through the train to find a seat for her, and finally, in the far back of the coach, found a single empty seat, no other empty seat being near it. I then went forward through the car, looking for a place for myself. I finally found two seats facing one another, in which there was an old lady and two children.

I sat down in the vacant seat, facing the old lady. I did not know her, but after a moment she said to me:

"I think you are President Blanchard."

I said, "Yes, my name is Blanchard. May I know to whom I am speaking?"

She gave me her name and said to me:

"I have been in city mission work in Chicago for many years and I have frequently heard you preach in the Moody Church."

I said to her, "If you were to meet a lady tonight who had no money, who had been ordered out of her boardinghouse because she was already in arrears and could not pay, is there any place in Chicago where you could take such a person where she would be safe and comfortable?"

"Oh yes," she said, and named a home—I think on Indiana Avenue. I said to her:

"I have a friend here on the train who is in that condition. Would you be willing to meet her?"

She said, "Certainly, I should be glad."

## Begin Today

Dream not too much of what you'll do tomorrow,  
How well you'll work another year;  
Tomorrow's chance you do not need to borrow—  
Today is here.

Boast not too much of mountains you will master  
The while you linger in the vale below,  
To dream is well, but plodding brings us faster  
To where we go.

Talk not too much about some new endeavor  
You mean to make a little later on.  
Who idles now will idle on forever  
Till life is gone.

Swear not some day to break some habit's fetters,  
When this old year is dead and passed away;  
If you have need of living wiser, better,  
Begin today!

—Anonymous.

So I went back to the place where this lady was sitting and brought her forward and put her down in the seat where I had been, introducing her to this city missionary lady. The latter was some distance from home and had quite a journey to make to the north of the city, but she postponed her departure and went with this needy sister to the south side and housed her safely.

I did not hear the result of the transaction for several years but, meeting the missionary after perhaps two or three years, she mentioned the occurrence and said she was glad to say that that lady was kept safely in this home until her skies lightened and she was able to accomplish the thing that she desired. God helps us that we may help others. There is no doubt about it.

I fear because I mention at times little things that God has permitted me to do for others, that I shall create the impression that I have always been faithful and successful in such matters. This is not at all true. My failures have been far more than my successful services, but I do not see that it would glorify God for me to speak of the times when by forgetfulness, by inattention, by self-neglect, I have failed to accomplish what God has put within my power. If I thought it would be of any help to anybody, I would cheerfully speak of these events, but because I am trying to encourage people to pray for their own comfort, for the help of other people, I mention the instances in my own life and in the lives of others which I think will put them about the work they ought to do.

### The Infinite Resources

I do not know just how to say what I desire, but what I am thinking of is the fact that, among all the millions of people who live in this world, so few are care-free, so many are burdened, that God has in His heart not some of these people but every one of them, and that He has at His command in the way of physical well-being, spiritual help, material resources, all and more than all that they require; yet there are these tens of millions, hundreds of millions, many of them in Christian lands, who do not know how to go to Him for the things which they need. How are they to learn unless some of those who have found the road, point it out to those who are yet in ignorance of it?

This calls up another question which is related. I speak of the duty of testimony concerning the answers to our prayers. To pray is one thing; believing for answers is a part of real prayer. Testimony to these answers is a third thing, which differs from the first two, and an answer which is not recorded will die with those immediately concerned, while an answer which is mentioned to the praise of God will become a fountain, sending its sweet waters far and wide through the desert lands in which human hearts are suffering.

I mention here two narratives of fact, which impressed me deeply, which I have already reported

to the people of God through *The Christian Endeavor World*, but which I am permitted to mention here for the encouragement of God's people. I am sure that the facts are as stated, for I knew the people well. They have lived near me for years and I am certain that those who will believe and ask may also receive and thus their joy may become full.

### A Student's Faith Tested

The first is a narrative which was given to me by a minister who has developed large powers as a Christian teacher, and relates to the time when he was in preparation for his present work.

He was studying in a school where meals were served only for cash, and where payments were made not by the week, nor for longer periods, but by the meal. One night he was in a mission, and among the friends present was a poor woman with a little child. He had at the time only seventy-five cents, but felt strongly moved by the suffering of the woman and the child, so that in the end he gave them all that he had, walking home through the streets with an empty pocket but a glad heart.

He thought, inasmuch as he had given his money, all that he had, to one of God's suffering ones, God would in some way provide him with a breakfast the next morning. The morning came, and the breakfast for others; but there was nothing for him. He was a young, strong man with a good appetite arising from plenty of hard work. He said, "This is all right; no doubt something will come by dimmer time." He thought that he should find the money on the sidewalk, or that some friend would hand it to him, or that he would get some payment for work, or that in some way God would provide him with a dinner. But He did not, and there was no dinner for him. It was so at supertime and so the next morning.

By this time he was ravenously hungry. It was suggested to his mind that there were scores of fellows around who would lend him what he needed for the present and that he could repay them. But he said:

"No, I will not borrow money. I expect to be a preacher, and to tell people that, if they do right,

God will take care of them. I will see this thing through; and, if God does not take care of me, I will never preach to other people that God will take care of them."

There was no dinner that day, nor supper, nor breakfast the next morning; and still he believed in God, and waited His time. Toward the middle of the afternoon one of the instructors of the institution called him aside, and said to him,

"I have received this check, which I hand to you, with direction to give it to some one who will use it wisely; and I have decided to give it to you."

It was a check for \$36. He cashed it, and provided for his bodily needs in the way of food, and then had sufficient left to secure clothing, which he was also needing. From that time to this present he has never passed through such a testing time as God gave him on that occasion.

### The Poorhouse in Prospect

The second experience was repeated to me very recently by a person whom I had known for nearly or quite forty years, but I had been until this time in total ignorance of the facts which I here record.

The lady said to me that shortly after her marriage the father and mother of her husband were in serious financial difficulties. A

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## God Answers Because . . .

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mortgage threatened to eat up their home, and there was not money in it for daily needs, even if the house had been free.

Her mother-in-law said to her, "Father and I must go to the poorhouse; there is nothing else left for us to do."

She replied, "Never, while I am alive."

After her husband and she had looked over the situation, they agreed to go to the home of her father and mother, and to join their slender earnings with those of the father and mother, to secure the home and keep the daily needs supplied.

Shortly after this resolution had been put into execution her husband lost his position, and after diligent effort failed to secure anything else to do. In this extremity he opened a small place, and began a business for himself; but it seemed that all the business went in other directions. For weeks the income of the family amounted to not more than fifty cents per week. These saints first paid their tithe, and then lived on the remainder, absolutely refusing to go into debt even for a loaf of bread. She said to me,

"There were many days when for myself and for each one of the children I put down one half a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, and knew that He would deliver us in due time."

One morning she did not have the half piece of bread in the household. There was absolutely nothing except a little flour, and she had nothing with which to cook that except water. In this extremity she went to her room, and laid the matter before God. She said to Him:

"You know we are Your children, seeking to do Your will; that we have not robbed You in tithes

and offerings. You know how hard it is for me to see the children hungry, and how my own strength is weakened for lack of food; and You know that I rely upon You to supply our need."

After a few moments a neighbor came into the house, who had no knowledge whatever of the situation, and said to her:

"We have a Jersey cow, and we cannot use all the milk; and I have a pint of cream which is sour, but which I should be glad if you could use."

She thanked her, went into the next room, where her father-in-law and mother-in-law lived, and said:

"See what God has sent us. I have flour; now, if you will let me have a little lard and baking soda, we can have some hot biscuits."

She was about preparing them, when another neighbor came in, also ignorant of the situation, and said to her,

"I have just received a box from my home on the farm; and there are more things in it than we know how to use, and I have taken the liberty of bringing some over to you."

She proceeded to lay down on the table a quantity of sweet potatoes, a supply of bacon and ham, and other provisions of like sort, until the table was almost covered.

Pretty soon a third neighbor, whose husband kept a small grocery store near by, came in, and said to her:

"I do not want you to be offended, but I have here about six pounds of butter, which is a little too old for table use, but which is good for cooking; and I should be glad to leave it with you, if you can use it. Then, too, I have a gallon of honey drips. My children like honey drips, and I think yours will like them, too. I also have a little canned fruit, which has been standing on our shelves, and which ought to be used up. So I took the liberty to bring them over, also. If you are willing, I should be glad to leave these all for you."

"Well," said this dear friend, "we had a great table, the hot biscuits, and the sweet potatoes, and the honey drips, and the other gifts, which we had not known for weeks and months."

Let the redeemed of the Lord say that they are redeemed.

— THE END —

## "What's Wrong With the . . .?"

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the first week of our campaign. Many boys and girls of high school age, 'kids' in the junior and senior classes, fought the battle of their young lives on the field of decision. They had to face the problem, as young Christians, "Is it right for me to go to the prom? Is it wrong to dance? Shall I hurt my influence for God if I attend?" In their hearts they really wanted to go to the prom. They didn't want to be called "deadheads" by their classmates. They want to be popular, just like any other young person.

Many of the Christian 'kids' won the victory in their lives and refused to go. Others, many of them active in the churches here, lost the victory and went to the prom. Which group was right? Did the Christians who did not go to the prom carry their religion too far? Are they fanatics? Their friends think they are. Did that crowd of teenagers who went to the dance, those Christian young people in the junior and senior classes, make the right decision? Is it better not to carry this "living for Jesus" too far, so far that you can't even indulge in an "innocent school dance," supervised by the mature teachers of the school?

Christian young people face a real problem today! They are living in a faster world than their parents ever lived in. Many of them have no spiritual encouragement from their parents. Some good Christian young people are actually ridiculed by their parents at home because they want to live for God.

'Kids' are able to make more money than ever before, money that enables them to go places and do things. Cars are available to them, cars that take them away from their home town, away where they can do what they want to do without getting caught. Dancing classes are supervised in the schools. Our boys and girls are laughed at if they refuse to take the dancing instructions. Many are embarrassed by the teacher because of their stand.

This problem confronts them before they get out of junior high school. A low grade of moving picture has taught them the art of making love "Hollywood style." Few of them have ever been challenged by a prophet of God, standing in his pulpit and fearlessly setting the standards of Christian conduct as high as God sets them in His Word. Many of our youth have never heard their preacher condemn sin. They don't know what the standards of God are. With all these things working against them, our young people face a difficult problem, the problem of what may we do? I am so sympathetic with them I can no longer be harsh, and hasty, and dogmatic in my preaching against things we call worldly. I have made no compromises in my convictions, nor have I made any in my preaching, but I am becoming more patient, more understanding, more loving in my dealing with youth. Thank God, however, there are thousands of young people alive today who are fed up with the cheap pleasures of this world.

I saw over 500 young people, of high school and junior high school age, just two weeks ago, in Dyersburg, Tennessee, come forward in the high school gymnasium and surrender their lives for full-time service. This is a familiar sight all over the nation. Pastors and evangelists have found young people ready to accept the challenge to live a separated life.

### The Preachers Have a Responsibility to the Youth of Our Nation

Every preacher should live a spotless life. A preacher should be the holiest man in the community. What he does is considered right. How disgusting it is to see a man dressed in his clerical garb puffing on a cigarette, or caressing a glass of beer in a restaurant or train lounge. A

preacher who lives a worldly life and allows questionable practices to become habits in his own life will do more destruction to the work of God than all the dance halls in town.

If one is a preacher, he owes it to his God and to his people, who look to him for the highest Christian standards, to abstain from every fleshly lust that wars against the soul. If he doesn't maintain these standards, he should stop playing the role of a religious hypocrite and get out of the ministry.

### The Parents Have a Responsibility

How in this world can our youth live for God when they receive no encouragement at home? Everyone recognizes that juvenile delinquency is a direct result of parental delinquency. Our parents have failed to surround our children with a godly atmosphere in the home. Our children won't go to the Devil if they are surrounded with a family altar of prayer. They won't go astray if they are taught the Word of God in the home. They won't dip the banner if our parents take them to Sunday School and church.

If we want our children to live for God, then let us provide aggressive spiritual leadership for them in our homes. God forbid that our children should have more love for God, and the things of God, than their parents have.

### The Church Leaders Have a Responsibility to Our Young People

Don't preach the "don'ts" if you do not intend to provide something wholesome for your young people to do. Every time I preach against the things we know hurt a Christian's testimony, some high school 'kids' come to me and ask, "But, Brother Eddie, you have taken everything we do for pleasure away from us. What may we do?" There is plenty to do! It is up to the leaders in the church, from the pastor right down to the Sunday School teachers, to provide a wholesome program of Bible study and recreation that is so appealing the youth of our churches won't want to turn to the worldly things for their fun. We can do it if we work at it. And we must work at it consistently every week in the year.

### The Christian Youths Themselves Have a Responsibility

If a young person will read, study, hear and memorize the Word of God daily, he will grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. If he will maintain a daily prayer life, if he will go to church every time the doors open, attend prayer meeting, Sunday School and all the church services, he will soon grow so strong in the inner man that he won't yield to temptation. He will soon lose his appetite for sin. He will grow so strong in his faith that soon he will be asked to take a responsible position of service in the church. When this time comes in his life, he will be so busy with God's work that he won't have time for playing with the Devil's toys.

### I Want to Suggest My Formula for Determining "What's Wrong With the . . .?"

I want to suggest several ways by which a Christian can make up his own mind as to what is right and what is wrong for a Christian to do. Apply these tests and you can't fail to get the answer.

#### I. The First Consideration: Is It of the World?

Let it be understood, right from the start, that we get our marching orders as a Christian from the Word of God. God's will is revealed to us in the Bible.

The majority are not always right. Never forget that! Too many times backslidden Christians try to find comfort and escape from their guilt by telling themselves, "I'm not the only one that does it. Most of the members of our church dance, go to the mov-

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ies, smoke, pet, drink and play cards." Maybe they do. It's hard to find a group of separated people today. But, that doesn't make it right. Don't you know that the majority of men and women are going to die and go to Hell? The Bible says so.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."—Matt. 7:13, 14.

We don't get our standards for Christian living from the crowd. We get them from God. God's will for our lives is outlined in the Word. If we want to know what God wants us to do in this matter of separation from the world, let us read it for ourselves. What does God's Word have to say about this question of what may I do as a Christian and what can't I do?

Here it is. Read it for yourself. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."—I John 2:15-17.

God says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." Here is a contradiction in the Bible. John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is no contradiction, friend. God commands us to go forth and win the world for Christ. We are to love the sinners of this world, but we are not to love their sins. We are to live in the world, but the world is not to live in us.

To whom is this command written? We see by verse 1 of chapter 2, that it is written to "my little children." Who are the children of God? How do you become a child of God? You become a child of God through the experience of the "new birth." If you have been "born again," you are commanded by God to "love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." That's plain enough. You don't have to be a college graduate to understand that.

Give that questionable amusement, or the social connection, or the business tie the "worldly" test. Ask yourself, "Is this thing of the world? Is the Devil's crowd promoting it? Is it attended by the people who are Christ rejectors and Christ despisers? Do the profits go to the advancement of iniquity? Are the actors in the thing godless people?" If your answer is yes, then God says, "Love not the world."

Take the movies as an example. The movies bother some of you Christians. You spend far more time in the movies than you spend in the prayer meeting. But, let me set this straight before I continue. There is nothing wrong with the moving picture machine. The projector is the greatest invention of this generation for imparting knowledge. But, it is what is shown on the screen that is detrimental.

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# "What's Wrong With the . . .?"

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mental to our Christian character. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B. I., has said many times that the moving pictures of our day are doing more to advance crime and juvenile delinquency in our nation than any other single factor. It's true! The majority of pictures shown today are filled with sex, with murder and crime, with glorified drunkards, and themes that will blight and blast your purity of mind and heart. Put the movies to the test! Are they of the world? Are the actors and actresses the God loving, Sunday School building, church going people of our day? Are they the people who are inspiring our nation to love God? You know the honest answer to that question.

Hollywood has done more to destroy the morals of America than any other single group of people. They are responsible for inspiring the "free love" philosophy that abounds in our nation today. They are responsible for the increase in our shameful divorce rate. The average picture is not fit for a Christian to look at. No Christian can see a demoralizing picture and expect to keep a clean mind.

Are the movies of the world? If they are, God says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." Give everything that is questionable in your mind this same test. Is it of the world? If it is, and you want to do God's will, love it not. Love the souls of the men of this world, for Jesus' sake, but hate their sins.

Read some more commands from the Word of God. Do you want to do God's will? Here it is!

*"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."—II Cor. 6:14-18.*

God forbids us to yoke ourselves together with unbelievers. We are to separate ourselves from the sins of the world, and separate ourselves unto the reading of the Word, unto prayer, unto aggressive Christian service.

And, again, read the Word of God:

*"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do you think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?"—Jas. 4:4,5.*

That's strong language, Christian. Adultery! All of us recognize this sin as abominable in the sight of God. God's Word speaks of spiritual adultery. You are guilty of spiritual adultery if you cheat on Jesus Christ by showing a friendship for the world.

God's will is revealed to every Christian in the Bible. His will for my life is "Love not the world." If you want to be an obedient Christian, obey this command.

## II. The Second Consideration: Will This Indulgence Dirty My Body? Will This Practice Grieve the Indwelling Holy Spirit? Will My Lord Be Comfortable in This Place

Remember, always remember, that your body, as a Christian, is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Turn to I Corinthians 6:19-20.

*"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."*

This is a very important truth. If you know it and appreciate it,

you won't want to submit your body to anything that is not pure and holy.

Your body is the home of the Third Person of the Godhead. The Holy Spirit lives in your body. God is present, at all times, in your heart. This is a tremendous fact. It means that you and I cannot go anywhere without taking the indwelling Holy Spirit with us.

I often see dogs waiting for their little masters to get out of school. They sit so patiently on the steps leading to the classrooms. Many days they sit there by the hour. And when their "buddy" gets out of school, their tails wag with excitement, and they jump all over their master as they go running down the street together.

We Christians can't leave the Holy Spirit outside while we go to the dance, or the movies, or to the social affair where the drinks will be flowing freely. We take Him with us. He is forced to go to places where He is completely out of place. And when we take the Holy Spirit with us to places where impurity abounds, the Spirit of God living in our bodies is grieved. He is uncomfortable. And you will be uncomfortable if you are really saved. With this tremendous truth constantly before us, it's not hard to get the answer to the question, "Do you think it's wrong to . . .?"

Is it wrong for a girl to let a boy neck with her? It's not hard to get the right answer to that question when you know your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Is it wrong for a Christian to smoke? The use of tobacco makes your breath smell foul, makes your clothing smell like a "Camel," stains your teeth and your fingers, and makes a smoke-stack out of your nose.

Is it difficult for you to get the answer to the question when you know your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? Is it wrong to dance? You answer the question for yourself. Can you dance with a girl, hold her close in an embrace and dance to the rhythm of a hot orchestra and not have the sexual appetites of your body stimulated. Fellow, girl, you know down deep in your heart you can't. Well, how in the world are you going to keep your body clean, and stay pure, if you subject yourself to temptation?

A precious Christian girl had a date with a boy she did not know too well, but a boy who was supposed to be a Christian. They were double dating. The boy driving the car stopped in front of a place where they sold beer and where the youth of the county went to dance to the tunes of the juke box. It was a place with a reputation for allowing loose moral conduct. The driver of the car said,

"Let's go in and have a beer, and dance for an hour or so."

His buddy said, "Sure, let's go." The Christian girl was on the spot. As quick as a flash, without any hesitancy, she said,

"I can't go in there. I have a friend with me who would feel most uncomfortable in that atmosphere."

Her boy friend spoke up and said, "What do you mean? I would enjoy going in there very much."

His companion replied, "I'm not talking about you, Bob. I know you would enjoy this place, but I am referring to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He lives in my heart. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I can't take my Lord in there. You will have to excuse me. I'll wait here in the car for you."

Praise God for this kind of courage.

Don't take the Holy Spirit anywhere where He will not be comfortable. If you know God will not feel at home in that place, then don't go. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. God lives in your heart. If you will keep this in mind at all times, it will enable you to make your decisions in the matter of what's wrong and what's right for a Christian to do.

My body, with the help of God, is going to be kept clean for the

Holy Spirit to live in. The unsaved world is going to see Christ living in me.

III. The third consideration in getting the answer to "What's Wrong With the . . .?" is:

## Will It Hurt My Testimony? Will It Weaken My Influence For God?

The Bible says, "Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 6:14-16).

The fruit of a Christian is another Christian. Every Christian is left in this world to influence someone else to become a Christian. If you know the Lord as your personal Saviour, you should be living to testify, to witness, and to win as many lost people to Christ as you possibly can. If you are not living to win lost souls to Christ, you may as well die and go to Heaven for all the good you are doing God's cause here on earth. The main business of every Christian, young or old, is to win souls to Jesus Christ. This is the will of God. Every Christian should be a soul winner.

Most Christians, I'll go so far as to say the great majority of Christians, can't win souls to Christ. Do you know why? It is not because they do not know it is their God-given responsibility; it is not because they can't not because they don't know enough of the Bible to point a man to Christ; but it is because they are so worldly, so backslidden and so filled with worldly entanglements that they have completely lost their influence for God.

You can't win souls to Christ if you don't have a clean, aggressive Christian life to back up your witness. Sinners will have no respect for a backslidden, worldly man who claims to be a Christian and who himself looks like the world, talks like the world, dresses like the world, smells like the world and frequents the same haunts worldly people visit to find entertainment for their empty hearts.

Can you talk to your children about Christ? Can you explain the way of salvation to them? Will they listen to you as you speak of sin, and righteousness, and judgment to come? You can't! I'll tell you parents why many of you can't talk to your children about Jesus and their need of Him. You are so filled with the world that your children would laugh in your face, and point their fingers at your sins, if you tried to lead them to God.

Why is it so hard to get a sinner to come to church? I'll tell you why. The unsaved sinners are standing on the outside of our churches and saying, "I'm as good as that bunch of hypocrites. They claim to be Christians, and most of them live like the Devil during the week." The sinner is right. Too many Christian people live a double life. They are trying to hold onto the world, and serve Christ at the same time. It can't be done. If men serve mammon, they will lose their testimony and influence for God. And when a Christian person loses his testimony and influence for God, he might as well die and get out of the way. He will be nothing but a stumbling block and a hindrance to the cause of Christ. We Christians can't do everything the world does and maintain a testimony for God. Carnal Christians can't win souls to Jesus.

Lot, the Bible character who moved into wicked Sodom and Gomorrah, learned this truth. He separated himself from his Godly uncle, Abraham. He pitched his tents toward Sodom. But soon he moved into the city and the wickedness of the city soon moved into him. Then came the day when God pronounced judgment. God sent two angels to Lot to warn him that fire and brimstone would be rained down upon the city. They told him to flee for his life. When Lot invited the angels to abide in the shelter of his roof, they said,

"Nay; but we will abide in the street all night."

The angels didn't want to be identified with a man who had betrayed his Lord. When the men of the city tried to break down the doors to attack the angels,

Lot begged them to go away. The citizens of Sodom replied,

"Stand back . . . This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal with thee, than with them."

Lot had lost the respect of the sinners with whom he sojourned. He went to his son-in-law, who married his daughters, and said, "Up, get you out of this place: for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law."

His own children laughed in his face when he mentioned the name of God. His life had been so shady they had no respect for his knowledge of God. They were warned to flee the city without looking back. Lot had so little influence with his own wife that she "look-back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."

Lot's experience has been the experience of every man who has tried to live a double life. You just can't have a testimony for God, and win souls to Jesus Christ, if you play around with the world. You must make a clean break. You must renounce every appearance of evil. You must even surrender some things that are legitimate for the sake of your testimony and influence with men.

I would rather have a strong testimony for God, and enjoy the thrill of winning souls to Christ, than to enjoy all the pleasures this world has to offer. The winning of souls is eternally rewarding. The pleasures of sin are but for a passing, fleeting season.

Ask yourself the question, "Will this practice, will this pleasure, will this affiliation, will this habit, will this place hurt my influence for God?" If it will, in God's name, for the sake of Jesus Christ and lost souls who need your witness, give it up. Your testimony is the most valuable thing you have. When you lose it, friend, you are finished, as far as God's work is concerned.

There you have the answer to the question so many ask, "What's wrong with the . . .?" You can determine for yourself if you will consider three things. First, what does God say about the world? He says, "Love it not." Second, consider your body. It is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Don't do anything that will dirty your body. Don't take Jesus where He will not feel at home. And third, remember the value of your testimony.

*"Only one life, will soon be past,*

*Only what's done for Christ will last."*

Don't go anywhere, or do anything that will hinder you from winning your lost friends to Jesus Christ. If you lose your influence with lost men because of your worldly life, you will be a fruitless Christian, one who will be poverty stricken in eternity.

In closing, let me say this. We Christians do not need the pleasures of this world to be happy. Those of us who have been dug from the pit by the grace of God, and who have enjoyed the thrills of a Spirit-filled life, do not want to return to the husks of the Devil's piggens. We can find our enjoyment in studying God's Word and becoming experts in the art of serving the Lord through our churches. We can find our desire for popularity and fellowship by making our friendships with godly people who believe as we believe and centering our social life around our blessed church family. We can find our supreme delight in living for others. The doors are opened wide. The Christian is ushered into the happiest and most satisfying life when he surrenders to the complete will of God.

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fishes. He turned the water into wine. And now His jealous and envious and slanderous enemies get together; they take counsel as to how they are going to crucify Him, how they are going to put an end to that ministry.

Their jealousy knows no bounds. Now they have Him before the trial at night.

They that had laid hold on Jesus led Him away to the high priest where the scribes and the elders were assembled, but Peter followed Him into the high priest's palace, went in and sat with them. Now the servants and the chief priests and the elders and all the common folks sought false witnesses against Jesus to put Him to death, but though many false witnesses came, yet found they none.

At last came two false witnesses and said, "This fellow said, I am able to restore the Temple of God and to do this in three days."

Now I want you to get the picture: At the trial of Jesus, Jesus is brought before the Sanhedrin, the seven ruling men in Israel, that night at midnight; the high priest is sitting in the judge's chair, false witnesses are brought against Jesus. In other words, the thing that caused Jesus to be convicted that night was a false witness, a lying, deceitful witness; and the Bible says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

I seriously doubt that there is a sin in the Bible that the Bible condemns more than the sin of deceit and lying. I seriously doubt that there is a sin in the Bible that Jesus more scathingly denounced than He did the sin of lying and deceit.

And yet lying is one of the most prevalent sins today of the Christian and the non-Christian. I regret to say that deceit and lying are to be found within the church and among professing Christians.

The Bible has something to say about it, and I want you to get it tonight before you leave here. These false witnesses were brought against Jesus; they slandered Him; they railed against Him. Now the Bible teaches that God is truth—He is truth. Difficult for that to sink in? Absolute truth.

### Two Forces at Work: Good and Evil

No deceit, no impurity, no lying, no malice with God. God is absolute, pure, holy, truth. The Devil, the Bible says, is a liar. There are two forces at work—I'll preach on that one night—there's the force of good; there's the force of evil. All that is good comes from God, the Bible says. All that is evil comes from the Devil. There are two forces: the Devil is the author of one; God is the Author of the other. And we see it in every movie; we see it in every play, the good and evil, the hero and the villain in every phase of life. The Bible teaches that there is good and there is evil.

Now the Devil is a liar—the Devil is a liar from the beginning, says Jesus—and he is the father of liars. The Devil is the number one liar and when the Devil is in any man, he makes him lie.

Now the Bible says that God is truth; the Devil is a liar, and when God says, "Adam and Eve, if you eat of the fruit of this particular tree you will die," the Devil said God lied, and Adam and Eve had to choose between God and the Devil.

Now God said, "You can have all the fruit in the Garden except one tree, this one tree."

God didn't create a piece of machinery to obey Him when He pushed a button, or as puppets to obey Him when He pulled a string. What kind of business would that be? God created us because God loved us so much that He had to have an object to love and God created us as free moral agents.

We have the ability to choose between right and wrong. God wanted us to love Him in return, because we wanted to love God, not because He made us love

Him. He's not going to push a button and say, "Billy Graham, love me." He's not going to make me love Him; He is not going to make me follow Him; He is not going to decide for me. Why? Because He created me with a free will. I am going to decide for myself whether I want to follow God or not.

The alternative to following God is to follow the Devil, to go the Devil's way, to go your way, the self way, your own way. The basic root of all sin is selfishness. "I will, I will, I will," said the Devil. "I will be like God." The Devil in the beginning sinned against God. Every man that's ever sinned against God started out by saying, "I am going to have my will as against God's will."

The Devil came up to Adam and Eve when they were standing before the tree, and Adam and Eve said to themselves, "Now God said in the day that I eat of that tree I will die." The Devil whispered and said, "You are not going to die; you are all right. Now God knows if you eat of that tree, you will become as God."

Adam and Eve, our first parents, believed the Devil's lie rather than the statement of Almighty God, and all the troubles in the world tonight stem from a lie. All the evils, all the wars, all the wickedness, all the death, all the sickness, all the sorrow, all the troubles stem from the fact that our first parents believed a lie.

They believed the Devil's lie, and the Bible says that every man and every woman that has been born since that day has been infected with this moral disease of sin. The Bible says you are a body with eyes and ears and nose and feet. Your body dies.

But you are more than a body. You are a soul, a living soul. You are going to live forever and ever. You have a moral responsibility. You have the voice of conscience. That's your soul. You have intelligence. That's your soul. You have memory. That's your soul.

These are the characteristics of your soul: memory, intelligence, feeling, the real you. And the Bible says that morally you have a stain; you have a moral disease, and that disease is going to kill you. You have a fatal disease, sir. "Oh, now Billy," you say, "wait a minute." Yes, you do. You may not have a fatal disease physically and materially, but spiritually your soul is infected with a fatal disease called sin, and that sin is going to send you to an eternal grave.

Now the Bible says it all started with a lie. And that's the reason that God hates lying so much. God hates lying as much as He does drunkenness. He hates a lie as much as He hates a murder. He hates a lie as much as He does adultery. He hates a lie as much as He does robbery. He hates it; it's an abomination to Him. God abhors a lie.

### I. Slander Is a Form of Lying

The Devil is a liar; sin started from a lie, and tonight there are thousands of people listening to my voice that are guilty of lying and breaking this Commandment and the Bible says God hates it. Let's see what the Bible says first. If you slander your neighbor, maybe a business associate, maybe one of the kids you go to school with; it may be the neighbor next door; it may be a relative; it may be a member of your own family, but if you slander another person, you have broken the ninth Commandment.

The scorpion carries his poison in his tail. A snake carries his poison back of his cheek. The other day my wife was driving her jeep up the side of a mountain. She ran over a black diamond-backed rattlesnake. She put the wheels of the jeep on the poor, writhing snake, and got out with a stick and beat its head in. Oh, she's a cruel woman.

She will be here next Monday and you can see for yourself how bad she really is. She beat the poor snake's head in and drove up to the corn patch to get some corn—she does all the work at our house. I was at home asleep. She got the corn and came

back and the snake was lying there coiled up, so she stopped. She was going to pick up the snake when the snake with its head all beaten in lashed out at her. It missed her, but it still seemed to have the ability to fight with poison, and after you have been bitten by a rattlesnake, if you are in good health, you may live thirty-six hours. If you are not in such good health, it's less.

If a rattlesnake bites a little baby, there is very little hope unless you can get to a doctor within a few minutes. The reason I know about this is because we have got them all around where we live. I would like to invite you all to visit us some time. If you get by the snakes when you come to see me up on the little mountain, why then we have some big vicious dogs to take care of you. It's not that bad. But they did find a wild cat up there last week, and two bears came into our cornfield and tore up all of our corn. So we welcome you.

But this snake had poison that it could have put into my wife, and it could have caused serious trouble, and if she couldn't have gotten to a doctor, it might have killed her.

Now within every person here tonight there is poison, poison that can do worse than kill a man's body. You can kill another person's reputation with the poison in your body. The poison begins down in the heart, and it comes up, says Jesus, through the tongue, and your tongue—this little, old red muscle in your mouth—this little tongue can inject that poison into the blood

### Opening Prayer by Billy Graham

Our Father and our God, we pray that many of those that have wandered away from God might return home tonight. We pray that they may come and worship and praise and receive Christ as Lord and Master and Saviour. And we pray that these tongues of ours that have spread so much mischief, these tongues of ours that have been used to say other things, might be used tonight to confess Christ as Lord and Master. These knees of ours, we pray, will be bent until we shall say that Christ and Christ alone is ours. We pray that many lives may be changed and transformed tonight by the power of the Spirit of God. For we ask it in His name. Amen.

stream of the social group around about you, and it can kill another person's reputation.

The Bible indicates that it's just as bad as if you pulled out a revolver and shot him. God holds you accountable for murder. The Psalmist said, "... they laid things to my charge, things that I knew not."

John the Baptist was slandered when they said he had a devil. Christ was slandered when they said He was mad. Paul was slandered time after time when Paul said, "we are slanderously reported and some affirm that we say, let us do evil that good may come."

The Scripture calls slandering smiting with the tongue. Jeremiah 18:18 says, "Come . . . and let us smite him with the tongue . . ." You may smite another person and never touch him physically.

Now the doctor cannot heal the wounds of the tongue. There is no doctor that you can go to tonight that can heal the wounds of the tongue when the poison of the tongue has escaped and gone into the bloodstream of another person. There is no surgeon that can cut it out, and there is no doctor that can give an injection. There is nothing that can heal the wounds made by a tongue.

### Every Slander Wounds Three

To pretend friendship for a man and slander him is odious. The slanderer will wound three people. He wounds the person he has slandered; he wounds the person to whom he reports the slander; and he wounds his own soul. It's possible, says the Bible, to kill a man in his name as well as in his person.

First Corinthians 13:5 says, "Love thinks no evil," and the Bible indicates that the great attribute of the Christian should be love. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to an-

other." Love is a well-wisher, and love does not speak ill of him to whom we wish well. If you love another person truly and really, you are not going to spread false rumors and stories about him, and you are not going to slander him.

Oh, there are a lot of people that spread rumors about me. I read in one Georgia newspaper that every night before I stepped to the platform I had a make-up man come and make me up, and that I go to the beauty parlor to get the waves of my hair set. I had the first manicure I ever had in my life the other day. The lady put polish on them, and they shine. I don't know whether that's the way you are supposed to have them or not, but that's the way I have 'em. Never had one before.

All sorts of things, rumors, and stories like that get out about people. Whisperings and slanders, people that pretend to be friends to your face, but are whispering against you all the time. The Bible says it's sin and you break the ninth Commandment and God will hold you responsible.

### II. False Witnessing Is Lying

Secondly, we break this Commandment when we bear false witness. That's lying, plain undiluted lying.

Now what is lying? You know what it is? Many of you don't. Lying is any species of designed deception, says the dictionary. If the deception be not designed, it is not lying. But if you design to make an impression contrary to the naked truth, you lie. And tonight there are hundreds of you that deceive every day in your business, and in your social life, and you can deceive another person, not only by words, but by a look, by an action, by an impression on others for selfish reasons that are contrary to the pure truth.

The arching of an eyebrow, the winking of an eye, anything that is meant to deceive another person is a lie in the sight of God. But you say, "Billy, don't you think a white lie is all right?" It doesn't matter what I think; it's what God thinks. There is no such thing as a white lie in God's book. It's either the truth or it isn't. Which is it?

Now, it's conceivable that you can tell a story, or that you can pass on an untruth not knowing the difference, in good faith. That's not a lie. A lie is when you premeditate, when you deliberately decide to deceive another person in any shape, form; the Bible says that is a lie. We say, "It's good business. Billy, you've got to do a little of that these days, you've got to exaggerate the truth a little bit or you'll starve." Then starve. "Suppose I lose my job." Then lose your job.

A fellow came to me one night and said, "Mr. Graham, you know I want to become a Christian; I want to give my life to God, but I am afraid that if I do I will lose my job. I would have to give up my job." I said, "What's your job?" He said, "I'm a bartender." I said, "You are right, you surely will have to give it up."

This business of being a Christian we have played at long enough. We have dabbled at it. We thought that being a Christian was going to church on Sunday, putting a little bit in the collection, putting out a little extra at Christmastime when making out the income tax, giving a little extra there—you deduct it anyway. Uncle Sam makes a limit.

Let me tell you something about this business of giving. People will go and give to the church; they will put in \$10, \$20, or maybe during the year you will give \$100. Uncle Sam pays a third of that anyway. You are not actually giving a tithe. Well, I better not get off on that. I will preach on that another night. I just thought I had to say that as I passed.

But a lot of people say, "Well, it's good business. You have got to lie; you have to exaggerate; that's the way the world is built today." That's not the way God says. God hasn't changed. Do you think that God has changed His nature in order to accommodate Himself to our present business methods? Not at all. God hasn't changed. The Bible says there is

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no variableness, neither shadow of turning with God, and the same God that hated deception and lying nineteen hundred years ago hates it tonight just as much. He is going to hold you accountable for it.

Psalm 101:5, 7 says, "Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer . . . He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight." God says if you tell a lie, and if you work deceit, and if you slander, God says, I will cut you off, you will not dwell in my house and you can't tarry in His sight. I didn't say that, God said it. I am reading it right out of the Bible.

Proverbs 12:22 says, "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord." Proverbs 19:5 says, "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape." God says you won't escape. Oh, for a while you may escape; for a while you may be able to go through with it, bluff your way through. But God says, "In the end be sure your sin will find you out." You will not escape. The Bible also says, "Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel." In other words, you tell a lie, and at first it's like honey.

Oh, you have gotten by with it; you got out of that trouble; you got out of the spot with a lie, and God says within a few minutes you begin to feel it in your conscience and it becomes like gravel in your mouth and you would like to spit it out and you can't. You have hurt your soul; you have injured your character. You have sinned against God.

Then the Bible says in Revelation 21:8 . . . listen to this now. I didn't say it, it's in the Bible; Revelation 21:8 says, "... all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." You say, "Billy, certainly God couldn't mean that." That's what He says. In other words, what has been stained with deceit and lying shall be banished from the presence of God. That's what the Bible says.

### III. Flattery Is a Form of Lying

Thirdly, flattering lips is a sin against the ninth Commandment. The Bible has a lot to say about a person that's always gushing with flattery, insincere praise, a person that is always praising another and doesn't mean it. Psalm 5:9, "For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter

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with their tongue." Psalm 12:2,3, "They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak. The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things."

In other words, he has lips that are flattering, but the heart doesn't mean it; it's not sincere. Psalm 78:36, "Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues." Proverbs 20:19 says, "...meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips."

The Bible says don't fellowship with them, don't have anything to do with them. A fellow like that is dangerous; he doesn't mean it; he's not sincere. Then the Scripture says in Proverbs 26:28, "A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin."

Ladies and gentlemen, when we praise another person we are to do it in sincerity, and if we don't, the Bible calls it lying. You didn't know all that was in the Bible, did you? God means every word of it.

### IV. Unjust Criticism Is Lying

And then fourthly, criticism, unjust criticism of others, is a sin against the ninth Commandment. Jesus said, 'Judge not that ye be not judged, for with the judgment you pronounce, you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.'

Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there's a log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, says Jesus, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Have you seen a lot of these people that go around; some of them are theological bloodhounds. They go around sniffing up another's theological pedigree. Sniffing around. Trying always to correct the other man, trying always to pull a speck out of his brother's eye, and Jesus says they have logs in their own eye. They have a little magnifying glass, and they come up to you and they say, "Brother, let me see now how you stand."

They look you over and they are always criticizing, always critical and cynical and criticizing other people. They have just gotten into the habit of trying to straighten other people out, and Jesus said they have logs in their own eyes, and He says to get the log out first and then go try to get the speck out of your brother's eye.

### V. Remaining Silent When Others Are Accused Falsely Is Sin

And then, fifthly, when we refuse to stand up for others and vindicate them when they are injured by lying lips, that, too, is a sin against this Commandment. In other words, we should witness for them and stand up in their defense when we know that they are being falsely accused and slandered. If you know that another man has been slandered, you know it's false, and you don't stand up and correct it; the Bible says you are just as guilty, because you knew the truth and you wouldn't say the truth. A man may wrong another man as well by silence as by slander when he knows him to be wrongfully accused and yet does not speak on his behalf.

### VI. Hypocrisy Is Lying

Sixth, living a lie or hypocrisy is a sin against this Commandment. There are many of you people here tonight who may not tell lies with your lips, but in other ways you are living a lie. You've got your name on the church roll; you go to church once in a while; you are supposed to be a church member, and yet you are not living a Christian life.

You are living a lie; you've taken the name Christian and you

are not living like a Christ-one, a Christ follower; you are living a lie and Jesus had another word for it. He said you are a hypocrite. I was down in Augusta, Georgia, several years ago, staying in a lovely hotel, holding a city-wide evangelistic campaign.

Now one of the great organizations for the state of South Carolina was having its annual meeting in this hotel. I never saw so much wickedness and drunkenness in my life. On this particular Sunday night Grady Wilson and his wife were rooming next door to my wife and me, Cliff Barrows and his wife—we were all there. We couldn't sleep. Next door to us, at two o'clock in the morning, the party was late. I never heard such wild, loose singing, drunkenness, and throwing whisky bottles up and down the hall. There was a big room and there must have been twenty-five or thirty people in it.

I decided that this was all I could take. I got up, put on my bathrobe, and with Grady Wilson for support, I went over and knocked on the door and a man came to the door and I could see the people in there, though the room was blue with smoke, and they were all drinking. One fellow came staggering up to us and said, "What do you want?"

I said, "Can't you fellows be quiet in there? We are trying to get some rest." He said, "Why, come on in."

"No," I said, "I am a minister of the Gospel of Christ."

He said, "Oh, you don't say."

I said, "I'd like to get this crowd quiet so we can get some rest."

So, he turned around, and he clapped his hands, and he said, "Quiet, quiet everybody. Here's a preacher who wants to preach to us."

Then I stood up and preached a little sermon. I thought that was a congregation that needed working on about as much as any I'd ever seen. And I said, "To think of it, some of you people here are church members, and if your pastor could see you here now, he'd be ashamed of you. I know God would be ashamed of you."

One lady spoke up. "That's right, preacher," she said, "I'm ashamed of myself—I'm a Sunday School teacher." I won't tell you some of the other church officers that were in that crowd.

Living a lie! Do you think that that kind of person is going to get to Heaven? I'll let you answer. Some of the things we do when we get away from home—well, I want to tell you we think we can wait for tomorrow. You young people, when you get out in that automobile, and you are away from dad and mother for a few hours, some of the things you do and some of the places you go, you are living a lie.

Your parents think you are all right, but you know. Young man, young woman, get right with God. Decide this new year that you are never going to do it again. Dare to be a Daniel. The Scripture says that Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. Some of you young people have defiled yourselves morally.

### Three Forms of Moral Defilement

You have defiled yourselves morally three ways: by a look, by a thought, by an act. You are living a lie. Your parents don't know it; your pastor doesn't know it; your Sunday School teacher doesn't know it. You've made out like you are a fine Christian person, and down in your heart you are carrying the weight of this stain. Confess it and get it right, and let God forgive you tonight.

Quit living a lie. There are many that are living lies tonight. Some of you businessmen, some of you women, some of you housewives, are living a lie. The hypocrite's hopes will perish. The Scripture says, "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

In Matthew 15:7 Jesus said, "You hypocrites, you people that live a lie." Well did Isaiah say, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honour-

eth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."

On Sunday morning we go in to sing the songs of Zion. We take part in the Lord's Prayer or the Apostle's Creed. We sing the songs; we take part, but the heart is not with God. Your lips are, but your heart is not. Living a lie, a hypocrite!

Jesus again says, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" We say, "Yes, He's our Lord. Yes, He's our God. Yes, we believe in God." Why don't you live it then? Why don't you go to your office and your shop and your home and live Jesus? with your heart, with your actions, as well as with your lips? Living a lie is a sin against God.

### VII. Believing Satan's Lies Is Foolish Sin

Then seventh, believing the Devil's lie is a sin against this Commandment. Jesus said, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not." In other words, Jesus said again, the Devil is a liar. Now, the Devil is a liar when he tells you that you can get away with sin. To some of you tonight, the Devil's whispering, "You can get away with it. You can beat the game of sin."

The Devil is lying. Put it down. He's lying. You can't get away with it. You can't go on living the way you have been living; you can't go on living a lie like

you've been doing; you can't do it. And especially after this warning tonight, you can't do it. God might have sent us to Nashville just for this one night to warn you, and the Devil is whispering and fighting for your soul, and he wants to keep you from giving your life to God tonight. He's lying! He's a liar when he tells you that you can get along best without God!

Some of you here tonight just haven't taken God into your life. You haven't taken God into your plans. You think you can get along better without God. That's the Devil's big lie.

And then, he's a liar when he tells you that you have plenty of time, and that you can put off coming to give your life to Christ. That is one of the Devil's biggest lies. The Bible says, "...now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

There comes only once, twice, three times—a few times in a man's life when he can come to God, when the issue is placed before him, when he is compelled by the Spirit of God to make a choice. Not many times, maybe only once, does he have that moment. Now such a moment is tonight.

This great crowd of thousands of people are praying; thousands all over the world are praying for this message, the invitation, the opportunity that is yours. The Devil is going to try to get you to put it off, because he knows if he can get you to put it off, he may have you forever. Tonight is the night. The Bible says, "My spirit shall not always strive with man," and God says you can only come to Christ when the Spirit of God draws you.

The Spirit of God is speaking, isn't He, right now? Down deep in your heart right now there is a little voice that is making you uncomfortable, that is speaking to you. That's the voice of the Spirit of God, and when the little voice begins to speak and God is speaking to your heart and drawing and pulling, that's the moment and that's the hour to give your life to God. That's the moment to surrender to Christ. That's the moment to ask Him to forgive your sins. That's the moment to give Him all you've got in surrender to Him. That's the moment. That moment may never come again, and the Devil's going to tell you that you have got time.

In every campaign that we have ever had, without exception I think, we have had people come to the meetings, almost come forward, and not come forward, and we have heard of their dying during the meeting. We have had people die in the meeting. They put off coming to Christ; they turned their back on God. I beg of you to give Him your life and your heart tonight while there is time.

### Only One Way to Heaven

The Devil is a liar when he tells you that there are many ways to Heaven and you can't be dogmatic about getting to Heaven. People say to me that if you are sincere you will get to Heaven, or if you follow your conscience you will get to Heaven; if you live the best you can you will get to Heaven, or if you will do this or do that.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Bible doesn't bear that out.

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### The Young Preacher

James McDougall, young Scottish candidate for the ministry, was walking to the pulpit to preach his trial sermon. He had worked hard on it, and felt that it was a very good sermon. He had a good voice, and felt certain of making a fine impression. The self-confidence and pride in his face and bearing were evident to many in the church. A writer records how old Robin Malair, the sexton, slowly shook his head as he said, "I hae me doots o' you, laddie." He had seen many candidates mount those steps, some in pride and some in humility. James McDougall made a miserable failure that day. As he walked slowly down the pulpit steps, head bowed and heart humbled, old Robin mused, "Aye, laddie, if ye hae gone up as ye came doon, ye might hae come doon as ye went up."—Selected.

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## The Sin of Lying

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The Bible says there is only one road to Heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Jesus said; the Bible says, that there is no other name given among men whereby ye must be saved. The Bible says that "by grace, are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

The Bible says that if we confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved. The Bible says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." There is only one road to Heaven; you know what it is? By the cross. You have got to come with your sins, acknowledge your sins, turn from your sins, and receive Christ as Saviour and Lord. You have got to be born again.

Jesus turned to Nicodemus and said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Now you have sin in your

life, a lie in your life, in your heart, on your lips. Then I want to tell you something else that's going to shock everybody here. The Bible says all men are liars. All men are liars. There's not a person in this stadium that could stand up and say, "I have never told and I have never lived a lie," not a one.

We have all been guilty, because all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and sin is the breaking of the commandments and refusing to live up to the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount—that's sin.

When you come short of Jesus, that's sin. I'm guilty, you are guilty, we are all guilty. What are we going to do about it? There's only one thing we can do. The Bible says the law is a school-master that drives us to repentance. The Bible says that this book, this law, we look in it, it's a mirror, we see ourselves as sinners and it drives us to the cross of Christ to get forgiveness of our sins and cleansing of our sins that we might know that we are going to Heaven.

Are you sure that your sins

have been forgiven? Are you sure that they have been cleansed? You say, "Billy, I am a member of the church." There are a lot of people here tonight that are members of a church but need to come and give their life to Christ. There are a lot of people that are members of a church and they need to surrender to Christ. There are a lot of people here tonight that need forgiveness of sin. You need Christ; you need God in your life.

### Assurance of Salvation Can Be Yours

I beg of you to give Him your life before you leave this place. You can do it tonight. You can leave here with the knowledge that every sin you have ever committed is gone, buried, forgotten, forgiven. You can leave here tonight with the greatest peace and security and happiness and joy that you have ever known. You can leave here tonight with your life absolutely transformed. You can leave here tonight with a new sparkle in your eye, with a new light on your face.

You can leave here tonight with Christ in your heart, with the Holy Spirit ready to give you power to live a Christian life. You can leave here tonight, born again, made new, re-created. You can leave here tonight on your way to

Heaven. You can know it. The Bible says, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life." You can know it. If I didn't know that I was on the road to Heaven, you couldn't pull me out of here until I did.

You say, "Well, Billy, what do you have to do?" Acknowledge your sin. By that I mean acknowledge it to yourself, acknowledge it to God, not to me, just to God. In the quietness of your heart say, "Lord, I know I'm a sinner." But that's not enough. You have got to say, "Lord, I am ready to turn from my sin; I am ready to burn the bridges behind me; I am ready to leave it alone." Then you turn around and yield to Christ. You say, "But that matter of believing and yielding, I can't understand." I am going to give you an illustration.

I am going to step off this platform. This platform that I have

been standing on is a fine platform, it's built of steel, it's built of wood, and it has a rubber mat on top of it. Now I look at that platform and I say, "The people that put it together did a good job." I believe it can hold a man and I can look here all day and say what a fine platform, what a wonderful religion, what a fine God we have, what a wonderful Christ, isn't the church fine, and all the rest of it. But I am not giving myself to Christ until I step up on it. I haven't surrendered to this platform until I walk on it, step on it, let it hold me, trust it, try it, test it.

Now that's a very simple and poor illustration of you tonight stepping up on Christ, stepping on Him, leaning on Him, surrendering to Him. He'll forgive your past sins and give you power to live in the days to come and you can leave here tonight with the greatest peace and joy and security you've ever known. Shall we pray?

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